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## 1 | Here we go again.

### 1.1 | Prompt

Essay option 1: In the early modern period, three of the four major power centers of the world unified

Essentially, why couldn't they centralize? Compare and contrast essay.

Essay option 2: According to Charles Tilly's "bellicist" theory of state formation, states form to protect

### 1.2 | Possible topics

- Broa
- Bellicist theory is **INCOMPLETE** (duhn duhn dunnnnn!)
  - Bellicist theory is about war, and discounts other forms of danger. Should be danger (and maybe some accompanying changes instead of war).
    - Three paragraphs, three examples where other forms of danger required state-making
    - End with some conclusion about the concept of models / theories?
  - To think about: what other things require state-making besides war-making?
  - Easy essay if I can get evidence
- How does Bellicist theory incorporate trade?
  - Is this managed by the state?
  - Only talks about interactions with other states if they are war.
  - Does trade require state-made organization?

Bellicist theory is incomplete

- Other forms of danger besides war require state-making
  - Plauge
    - Look at ottoman orthodox vs european new ways
  - Ideological
    - Religion?
      - Religion is effective way to control people, but religion can get threatened.
  - Income