

**Source:**

## 1 | **Introduction**

## 2 | **Body 1: counterargument**

## 3 | **Body 2: Ottomans**

Europeans used soft power to force the Ottoman empire into trading agreements that caused crippling inflation and corruption. The Capitulations of the mid sixteenth century were a series of trade agreements between the militarily dominant Ottoman empire and the various states of Europe designed to facilitate trade (Cleveland 50).

## 4 | **Body 3: Ming**

## 5 | **Conclusion**