

Short Answer Question

Use your knowledge of world history to answer the following:

- A. Provide one specific piece of evidence that demonstrates a new form of government in the period from 1250 CE – 1450 CE.
- B. Provide one specific piece of evidence that demonstrates an innovation in the legal system in the period from 1250 CE – 1450 CE.
- C. Provide one specific piece of evidence that demonstrates the spread of religious ideas in the period from 1250 CE – 1450 CE.

Answer Key

Students must provide both a valid example and a valid explanation in order to get the point; lacking either results in a zero for the given point. Additionally, make sure students specifically identify what their example is in the opening sentence (I tend to give them a zero if they don't properly use the short answer format for the first few weeks). There is certainly some degree of leniency in grading these as students can present information in nuanced ways, but below are some possible answers:

- A. Students must provide a valid example (**caliphates**) AND properly explain how it was used in the period from 1250 CE – 1450 CE in the *Rashidun caliphate*, *Umayyad caliphate*, *Abbasid caliphate*, or *Fatimid caliphate*.
- B. Students must provide a valid example (**Justinian's Code** or **Dhimmi status**) AND properly explain how it the legal system was innovative in the period from 1250 CE – 1450 CE as a form of *civil code* or *a way to protect Jews and Christians while also encouraging them to convert to Islam*.
- C. Students must provide a valid example (**Eastern Orthodox Christianity** or **Islam**) AND properly explain how it was spread in the period from 1250 CE – 1450 CE through *missionaries such as Cyril and Methodius* or *via Arab conquest*.