

CAUSATION ESSAY

IMPERIAL EXPANSION AND CONSOLIDATION

LEQ Prompt

Using specific examples, analyze **causes of imperial expansion and consolidation** in the period circa 600 B.C.E. to 600 C.E. (Historical thinking skill: Causation)

Directions: After reading the LEQ prompt, use the organizer below prepare to write a causation essay in line with the requirements laid out in the LEQ Rubric and the Historical Thinking Skills chart and incorporating relevant information from your class materials, textbook, and historical knowledge. You must **start by developing your thesis statement**, which will serve as the guiding focus of your essay. Once you have your thesis, you should outline the rest of your essay in bullet form, including key points and specific examples you plan to include in the full version.

Note on Organization: According to the prompt, you have to discuss causes of both expansion and consolidation. You must have at least one of each, but you may choose whether to double up on either one, though I would encourage you to double up on consolidation as there are far more examples.

Contextualization (Historical Background Information to Set the Scene)

Thesis Statement (Point To Be Proved)

Argument:

Cause 1:

Cause 2:

Cause 3:

Cause 1 (Claim / Clarification)

2-3 Specific Examples (Evidence / Explanation / Justification)

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Conclusion (Reconnect to Thesis in Light of Evidence to Draw Conclusions)