

Chapter 13 Note Guide – Political Transformations: Empires and Encounters, 1450-1750 – *Ways of the World, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed*

**I. Introduction**

- a. Examples of empire building

**II. European Empires in the Americas**

- a. Colonies in the Americas
  - i. European advantages in colonization (there are at least seven)
  - ii. The Great Dying
  - iii. The Little Ice Age
- b. Columbian Exchange
  - i. Effect of American crops in Afro-Eurasia
  - ii. Stimulants
  - iii. Effect on world economy

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**III. Comparing Colonial Societies in the Americas**

- a. Mercantilism
- b. Experience of native women
- c. Spanish colonies...
  - i. *Encomienda* system
  - ii. *Hacienda* system
  - iii. Class hierarchy (identify specific classes)
    - 1. *Castas*
  - iv. Treatment of natives
    - 1. Tupac Amaru revolt
- d. Sugar colonies
  - i. Plantations and slave labor
  - ii. Slavery in North America
- e. British settler colonies (compare to Spanish colonies)
  - i. Protestants
  - ii. Local self-government

**IV. The Steppes and Siberia: The Making of a Russian Empire**

- a. Moscow and reasons for expansion
- b. Process of expansion
  - i. Westernization under Peter the Great
  - ii. Comparison to Western European empires

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**V. Asian Empires**

- a. Difference from European empires
- b. Formation of the Qing (Manchu) empire
  - i. How they ruled conquered territory
  - ii. Effect on Central Asia and Silk Road
- c. Formation of the Mughal Empire
  - i. Akbar and treatment of Hindus
  - ii. Aurangzeb and treatment of Hindus
- d. Formation of the Ottoman Empires
  - i. Conflict with Safavid Empire

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ii. Treatment of Christians

iii.       Devshirme\*