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

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

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

Note: lines that end in “…” do not require notes, rather just the following lines do. An * indicates a “Zooming In” section.
ii. Treatment of Christians

iii. Devshirme*