**LEQ Essay (Trade Networks) Planning**

Prompt: In the period circa 1200 -1450, commerce along exchange networks such as the Silk Road, the Indian Ocean, and the trans-Saharan networks involved a number of new economic and commercial processes.

Develop an argument that evaluates the extent to which developments in economic and/or commercial practices in Afro-Eurasia affected trade in this period.

**Analyze the Prompt**

What are the key words in this prompt?

**Possible Responses**

*Analyze the following images and review the provided trade networks summary reading. List possible arguments you can make in response to the prompt in the box below.*



The expansion of empires= people drawn into new economies and trade networks.

Demand for Luxury Goods Increased= Artisans and Merchants Expand Production



A **caravanserai** was a roadside inn where travelers could rest and recover

Developed by the Song Dynasty, the Jiaozi was a form of promissory note, regarded as the first **paper money** in history



To attract foreign or overseas merchants and talents, the Great Khans gave them **paiza** exempting them from taxes and allowing them to use relay station





**Chinese magnetic compass**= help expand navigational opportunities

**Essay Outline**

\*Body Paragraph #1 Main Idea-

 Supporting Specific Evidence-

\*Body Paragraph #2 Main Idea-

 Supporting Specific Evidence-

\*Body Paragraph #3 Main Idea (possible complex argument?)-

 Supporting Specific Evidence-

**Contextualization (Background)**

*Make a brief list of specific ideas/events/developments that you could write about in your introduction contextualization sentences (must be different than the evidence you will use in your body paragraphs!)*

Contextualization ideas…

***Thesis Formula Ideas***

1.) Y because A, B, and C.

2.) X. However, Y because A, B, and C.

3.) Although X, Y because of A, B, and C.

X= Counterargument

Y= Your argument

A= Evidence/Group #1

B= Evidence/Group #2

C= Evidence/Group #3

**Thesis Statement**

**Completed Introduction Paragraph (Contextualization and Thesis Statement)**