

General Notes:

- The Final Examination will consist of two parts: the first asking you to identify and explain the significance of five terms out of a list of ten; the second asking you to write an essay on a broad theme central in the second half of our course.
- The Final Examination is written in nature—You must bring a bluebook.
- The Examination tests your mastery of required material in this class; both class lectures and assigned reading. Recall that no outside material will count in a positive manner towards your grade, though you will be held to standards established by UWG's honor code. Violations will be dealt with as stated in the class syllabus. In short, consult your notes, not the internet.
- If you have any questions, please come to office hours.

Part I: Identifications (50%)

In this section, you must write three to five sentences identifying and explaining the significance of five terms. Do not run to the internet for definitions—consult your notes. Ten terms from the following list of twenty-five will appear on the exam for you to choose among:

Feudalism	Principate	Orthodox Christianity	Saint Paul	Chinese Paper Money
Council of Nicea	Grand Canal	Muhammed	Umma	Shiite and Sunni
Renaissance Humanism	12/25/800	Bubonic Plague	Aeneas	Crusades
Ming Dynasty	Battle of Kosovo (1389)	Buddhist Missionaries	Mansa Musa	Civil-Service Examination System
Footbinding	Genghis Khan	Bubonic Plague	Roman Defensive Imperialism	Zheng He
Conquest of Grenada (1492)	Indian Ocean Trading System	1453	Mystery Cults	Conquest of Alexandria (642)

Part II: Extended Essay (50%)

Finally, you are to craft an argument responding to the question below.

A central story of the second half of this course has been the rise of China as the dominant power in Eurasia, especially when compared to other powers and regions. In a well-argued, well-written, and well-organized essay, discuss this rise by: 1) examining in detail two factors that explain why China was able to become so influential; and 2) comparing China's position in 1500 to that of two of the following three regions/powers: Christian Europe, the Muslim World, the Mongol Empire. In proving your argument, make sure to use direct examples from class lectures.