

1.7 Rivals on the World Stage

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KEY WORDS rivalry 对抗

Objective

Build the skills to explain **rivalry** 对抗 between European states overseas.

You must be able to:

- explain why overseas claims produced conflict between European powers
- state how rivalry shaped where and how states expanded
- describe the role of chartered companies
- avoid treating overseas rivalry as separate from European politics

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Why claims produced conflict

A route, a port or a source of a commodity held by one power is denied to another. Rivalrous assets make competition into conflict without anyone choosing war.

■ Rivalry shaping expansion

States expanded where a rival was weak or absent, and fortified where a rival was near. The map of European possessions therefore records European politics as much as local opportunity.

■ Chartered companies

A company granted a monopoly and quasi-governmental powers let a state pursue overseas interests without paying for them directly, and gave it deniability when the company acted.

■ Not separate

Wars fought overseas were episodes in European rivalries, and settlements were made in European treaties. Treat the two as one system.

2 Practice

2.1 Explain why overseas assets produced conflict between states. [2]

2.2 State two advantages to a state of using a chartered company. [2]

2.3 A power fortifies a port near a rival's territory.

(a) State what this shows about the reason for expansion there. [1]

(b) State how you would use it as evidence. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A rivalrous asset is one that [1]

A	B
C	D

- A both powers can hold at once
- B one power's holding denies to another
- C has no value
- D cannot be fortified

3.2 A chartered company gave a state [1]

A	B
C	D

- A direct costs and full responsibility
- B pursuit of interests without direct cost, and deniability
- C no advantage
- D control of European treaties

3.3 A conflict is fought in the Caribbean and settled by a treaty signed in Europe.

(a) State what this shows. [1]

(b) Explain the implication for how the period should be described. [2]
