

3 Land-based empires: gunpowder and administration – Part 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English

Write it 3 times (English)

armed trade

legitimised

consolidated

Recall

- You know a weapon can change who can hold territory.
- You have seen a building used to make a claim about authority.
- You know a state needs revenue before it can do anything.

New ideas

Read these first. Each idea has a short worked example. Then do the Practice below.

■ 1 The technological basis

Imperial expansion relied on increased use of gunpowder, cannons and **armed trade** to establish large empires in both hemispheres. The third is commercial as much as military.

Worked example. The same technological basis produced empires in the Americas as well as Eurasia.

■ 2 Legitimising and consolidating

Rulers **legitimised** with religious ideas, art and monumental architecture, and **consolidated** with bureaucratic elites and military professionals. Different methods for different jobs.

Worked example. A great mosque legitimises; a professional army consolidates.

■ 3 Revenue

Tribute collection, tax farming and innovative tax systems raised revenue **in order to forward state power and expansion**. Revenue is a means, not the goal.

Worked example. Money is collected so that the state can do more, not so that it can hold money.

Watch out: Legitimising and consolidating are two different jobs. An answer that names only administration has taken half of the CED's own objective.

Practice

2.1 Name the three elements of the technological basis. [3]

2.2 Distinguish legitimising from consolidating. [2]

2.3 Name the three cultural means of legitimation. [3]

2.4 State the purpose the CED gives for raising revenue. [2]
