

1.4 State Building in the Americas

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KEY WORDS comparison 比较

Objective

Build the skills to explain **state building in the Americas** 美洲.

You must be able to:

- state the CED's comparative claim about the Americas
- explain the force of 'as in Afro-Eurasia'
- state what 'expanded in scope and reach' means
- avoid treating the Americas as an exception

1 Worked examples

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

■ The claim

In the Americas, **as in Afro-Eurasia**, state systems demonstrated continuity, innovation and diversity, **and expanded in scope and reach**.

■ 'As in Afro-Eurasia'

The CED writes the comparison into the sentence. The Americas are not an exception to the unit's pattern; they are an instance of it, developing independently of Afro-Eurasia.

■ Scope and reach

Scope is what the state does — the range of functions it performs. **Reach** is how far it does it. A state can grow in one without the other.

■ Not an exception

Because these states developed with no contact with Afro-Eurasia, the shared pattern is evidence about state formation generally, not about diffusion.

2 Practice

2.1 State the CED’s comparative claim about the Americas. [2]

2.2 Distinguish scope from reach. [2]

2.3 American states developed independently of Afro-Eurasia.

(a) State what the shared pattern is therefore evidence about. [1]

(b) State what it is not evidence of. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 “As in Afro-Eurasia” makes the Americas [1]

A	B
C	D

A an exception to the pattern

B an instance of it

C irrelevant

D the origin of it

3.2 “Reach” refers to [1]

A	B
C	D

A the functions a state performs

B how far it performs them

C its population

D its religion

3.3 A state adds tribute collection to an area it already governs.

(a) State whether this is scope or reach. [1]

(b) Explain the difference with an example of the other. [2]
