

“Industrialization reduced [tea production] costs dramatically. In 1872 the production cost of a pound of tea was roughly the same in India and China. [But] by 1913 the cost of production in India had fallen by three-quarters.... In the space of a few years China had been dethroned [by India] as Britain’s main supplier of tea.

The figures tell the story: Britain imported thirty-one thousand tons of tea from China in 1859, but by 1899 that total had fallen to seven thousand tons, while imports from India had risen to nearly one hundred thousand tons. The rise of India’s tea industry had a devastating impact on China’s tea farmers and further contributed to the instability of the country, which descended into a chaotic period of rebellions, revolutions, and wars.”

Source: Tom Standage, British journalist, *A History of the World in 6 Glasses*, book published in 2006

1. Respond to parts A, B, and C.

- A. Identify one argument the author makes regarding tea production in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
- B. Describe one likely reason for the change in tea imports to Britain, as outlined by the author.
- C. Explain how one additional piece of evidence, not included in the passage, would support the author’s claim that China “descended into a chaotic period” in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Question 3 or 4

Directions: Answer either Question 3 or Question 4.

3. Respond to **parts a, b, and c.**

- a. Identify ONE **technological** development that contributed to Europeans’ ability to spread religious ideas in the Americas during the period 1450–1750.
- b. Explain ONE way that religion contributed to the process of state expansion and/or exploration in the Americas during the period 1450–1750.
- c. Explain ONE reason why syncretic belief systems developed in the Americas during the period 1450–1750.

4. Respond to **parts a, b, and c.**

- a. Identify ONE historical development that contributed to the growth of a global economy during the period circa 1800–1914.
- b. Explain ONE way governments responded to economic crises or depressions during the period circa 1900–1945.
- c. Explain ONE way states changed their economies in response to the shifting global balance of power during the period circa 1945–1990.

END OF SECTION I