

Chinese History Essay Outline

Students will write an **outline to a 5 paragraph essay** exploring an aspect of Chinese history. The purpose is for students to think critically about Chinese history as well as develop their essay writing skills. The outline will have an introduction (**with a fully developed thesis statement**), three supporting paragraph sections, and a conclusion sentence. Outside resources can be used as long as they are listed at the end with a one sentence explanation of how they were used. Essay outlines will be **due Friday, October 7th**.

Topic options:

1. Achievements and why Chinese were able to accomplish them
2. Strengths and weaknesses of centralized leadership throughout Chinese history
3. Themes and lessons from Chinese history that have relevance to the world today

Example:

- I. Introduction
 - A. Background info
 - B. Background info
 - C. Why important
 - D. **Thesis:** Chinese history....
- II. Idea #1
 - A. Topic sentence
 - B. Supporting info
 - C. Supporting info
 - D. Supporting info
- III. Idea #2
 - A. Topic sentence
 - B. Supporting info
 - C. Supporting info
 - D. Supporting info
- IV. Idea #3
 - A. Topic sentence
 - B. Supporting info
 - C. Supporting info
 - D. Supporting info
- V. Conclusion
 - A. Topic sentence
 - B. Re-explain #1
 - C. Re-explain #2
 - D. Re-explain #3
 - E. Apply information to the reader: why this matters