Classical China & India

Comparative Essay Pre-Writing

**Prompt:** Compare and contrast how Classical India (Maurya/Gupta) and Classical China (Qin/Han) empires kept order and promoted stability within their empires. Assess which empire (India or China) was MORE effective at maintaining stability and order.

Thesis—(1 - 3 sentences) must include:

* Empires (Maurya/Gupta and Qin/Han)
* topic (how the empires kept order & stability)
* differences (give 1 specific example—with your detail from India and China)
* similarities (give 1 specific example)
* which was more effective at maintaining stability & order (India or China)

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Comparative Essay Format:

1. Introduction paragraph
   1. Thesis sentence(s)
2. Body paragraph 1 (similarity or difference)
   1. Topic sentence (mention the similarity or difference and tie back to prompt)
   2. Explain in detail the similarity or difference
   3. Identify and describe your concrete evidence for India
   4. Identify and describe your concrete evidence for China
   5. Commentaries—for each detail add commentary that analyzes your concrete detail and connects it to the thesis. In other words, address how this proves your argument (SO WHAT??)
3. Body paragraph 2 (similarity or difference)
   1. Topic sentence (mention the similarity or difference and tie back to prompt)
   2. Explain in detail the similarity or difference
   3. Identify and describe your concrete evidence for India
   4. Identify and describe your concrete evidence for China
   5. Commentaries—for each detail add commentary that analyzes your concrete detail and connects it to the thesis. In other words, address how this proves your argument (SO WHAT??)
4. Body paragraph 3 (similarity or difference)
   1. Topic sentence (mention the similarity or difference and tie back to prompt)
   2. Explain in detail the similarity or difference
   3. Identify and describe your concrete evidence for India
   4. Identify and describe your concrete evidence for China
   5. Commentaries—for each detail add commentary that analyzes your concrete detail and connects it to the thesis. In other words, address how this proves your argument (SO WHAT??)
5. Conclusion paragraph

Brings closure

Classical India vs. Classical China

**3 body paragraphs:**

1. **Similarity**
2. **Difference**
3. **Similarity OR Difference**

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| Similarities |
| 1.  a. India  b. China |
| 2.  a. India  b. China |
| Differences |
| 1.  a. India  b. China |
| 2.  a. India  b. China |