

Directions: On a sheet of binder paper, title the assignment, copy down the prompt from below, and draft a 2-3 sentence claim to answer the prompt. Use class discussion to edit and revise your initial claim.

### **Political Transformations: Empires and Encounters (Ch. 13)**

*Compare and contrast the expansion of European and Asian empires in the Early Modern period.*

- In what ways did European empires in the Americas resemble their Russian, Chinese, Mughal, and Ottoman counterparts?
- In what respects were they different?
- Do you find the similarities or the differences more striking?
- Thinking about the following categories might be useful to consider:
  - Whether they were overseas empires or contiguous empires
  - Whether they were empires largely peopled by settlers or conquered peoples
  - Whether the motivation for their creation was defensive or expansive
  - Whether conquered peoples were assimilated or defined as distinct

SAMPLE CLAIM ORGANIZED FROM CLASS INPUT

While **both European and Asian empires saw an increasing desire for expansion in** the Early Modern period that **resulted in the interaction of culturally different people around the world**, European expansion in the Americas represented something wholly new in human history. **The creation of an interacting Atlantic world had a more significant impact** on the people that European empires incorporated than did Asian empires, and they had a far wider impact on the world as a whole.