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1 The facts first

RECALL · ANSWER IN FULL SENTENCES

Describe where Ayutthaya was built, and explain how its position helped it become one of the greatest trading cities on Earth.

Ayutthaya was the capital for more than 400 years, under 33 kings. What does the film say the kings built, and what does that tell us about their wealth and power?

Ayutthaya had French, Dutch, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese communities all living together. What are the advantages — and the possible challenges — of a city being such a crossroads of cultures?

The film says that when you visit Bangkok today, "you're really seeing the child of this great old city." Explain what this means, and give one example of something modern Thailand inherited from Ayutthaya.

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Quick check

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. The main reason Ayutthaya grew so rich was...

it had gold mines under the city

its position on rivers made it a great trading port

it never allowed any foreigners in

2. "Bangkok is the child of Ayutthaya" is a way of saying...

Bangkok is older than Ayutthaya

modern Thailand inherited its culture and traditions from Ayutthaya

the two cities are enemies

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Cause and consequence

MATCH EACH CAUSE TO WHAT IT LED TO

History is a chain of causes and consequences. Draw a line linking each of Ayutthaya's advantages to what it helped bring about.

CAUSE

- ☐ Built on an island by three rivers
- ☐ Traders came from many nations
- ☐ Powerful kings ruled for centuries
- ☐ Its ideas were passed on to Bangkok

CONSEQUENCE

- ☐ Grand golden temples and art were created
- ☐ Modern Thai culture still carries its mark
- ☐ It became a wealthy world trading port
- ☐ Many languages and cultures mixed in one city

THINK LIKE A GLOBAL CITIZEN

Ayutthaya rose to be one of the greatest cities on Earth — and then fell, leaving ruins. But its ideas lived on in the city that followed it. This is a pattern we see all over the world and all through history.

Apply it: Choose *one* and write a short response (3–5 sentences).

- Why do you think great cities and civilisations rise and then fall? Suggest more than one reason.
- Even when a city falls, its culture can live on in the places that come after. Can you think of another example, from anywhere in the world?

Extended writing

Try to: give your opinion clearly · use reasons and examples from the film · consider more than one factor · reach a thoughtful conclusion.