

Historical Spider Web - "Making Connections"

Your task is to create an interconnected web of historical events, themes, or routes. You will begin with one geographic location and make a minimum of 20 connections. The aim, as you follow these connections, is to eventually "get back to where you started." For each connection you must provide a short description that adequately explains its significance. Also, include dates wherever you can.

Ex.

1. China to Rome

-China sends silks to Rome along the "Silk Route." These silks are viewed as luxury goods in Rome. The importance of silk is indicative of China's key position early on in global markets; it is also evidence of the taste for decadence in Rome that would eventually help to undermine its strength. 50 BC – 500 AD

2. Rome to America

-America borrows many "tried and true" ideas from Rome as it forms its own republic, ideas such as 1) power resting with citizens; 2) representation of varied classes; 3) government checks and balances; 4) standardized rule of law.

3. America to Philippines

-The USA acquired the Philippine Islands as a result of the Spanish Civil War in 1898. Gaining the Philippines touched off a debate in the USA over imperialism.

4. Philippines to Japan

-In 1942, Japan marches into the Philippine capital of Manila. This was part of Japan's wider assault on the Pacific, also affecting such places as China, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, etc. It was evidence of Japan's newfound industrial might and its imperialist hunger for glory and resources.

5. Etc....