

Thesis:

Queen Elizabeth I helped England succeed in the sixteenth century because she stemmed religious conflict and created alliances that helped England flower culturally.

Sample Body Paragraph:

Elizabeth I recognized the need to balance the needs of both Catholics and Protestants. She tried to do this in several ways. First she repealed the Catholic laws from Queen Mary's reign that had angered so many Protestants (? 15). Secondly she revised the Church of England service to make it more acceptable to Catholics. While England was clearly Protestant most people were happy throughout the second half of the 16th century (Harrington 57). Elizabeth I used good sense in these decisions. She stayed in charge but made sure to consider the needs of both religious groups. Consequently she was able to help promote stability during her reign.

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Military leadership and organization helped the Mongols succeed because it enabled them to conquer a lot of land.

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The Mongol army was very organized, beginning with Genghis Khan. There were three groups of 10,000 men called tjumen. One tjumen was for up-close battle and the other two circled the enemy. Each tjumen had ten regiments of 1,000 men called minghan. Each minghan had ten jaghun or squadrons of 100 troops. Each jaghun was divided into ten units, called arban, of ten men (coldsiberia). This was important because it was easier for each warrior to know what they were doing. It was also easy for the commanders to find soldiers.

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Obstacles led to the success of Sumer because the process of generating solutions to specific problems resulted in an organized and efficient government.

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The villages of ancient Sumer were almost defenseless. They were located in an open plain and thus were vulnerable to attack (Smith 45). Attempts to fortify the villages were useless. The mud brick walls that were built to surround each village could not withstand the weapons of the desert nomads (Smith 52). Posting guards failed as well because the size of each village made it difficult to prevent entry by attacking nomads. **The result was tremendous dissatisfaction among the people (Callaway 345).** The efforts by the government to provide an effective defense indicate intelligence and creativity. Successfully adapting to adverse conditions is the mark of an effective government.