**Lesson Plan on Temur and the Timurid Renaissance**

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| **AP World History**  Unit 3: Land-Based Empires, c. 1450 - c. 1750   * Topic 3.2 - Empires: Administration (Governance) * Topic 3.3 - Empires: Belief Systems (Cultural Developments & Interactions) |

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| Relevant Vocabulary  Arabian, Persian, & Turkic cultures  Emir Temur, Tamerland, Timurid  Ghazi Ideal  Shahrisabz, Samarkand  Registan, Madrasa  Sufism, Naqshbandi Order, Sheikh  Ulugh Begh, Astronomy  Babur, Mughal Empire | Texts and Resources   * [Asian Land Empires Geography](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JowvbY3fN2AVEe8UOlSoPtaqPzD85Uay8mU5eXHzlHI/edit?usp=sharing) * [Timurid Renaissance Presentation](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZFgVVIdmqUzv-MAJPejoVv0uUvBmTfr0hEpqU75BSw8/edit?usp=sharing) * *World History: Modern*, 146-151 * [Tamerlane & History of the Timurid Dynasty](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYOgWwmwRkc) * [Empires Expand](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kG_A3ET3foc) (Heimler’s History on Youtube) |

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| Student Output: Writing Exercise  Students will choose and answer one of the following prompts with a short paragraph that includes a historically defensible claim and specific facts and details to support it.  The prompts focus on either of the two Topics in Unit 3 that best fit the Timurid Empire, as well as the various historical thinking skills that are most important to the writing process on the APWH Exam. | | |
|  | Topic 3.2 - Empires: Administration (Governance) | Topic 3.3 - Empires: Belief Systems  (Cultural Developments & Interactions) |
| Contextualization | How did the rise of Timurid power in the late 14th century prefigure the success of the Gunpowder Empires (Ottoman, Safavid, Mughal) in the following century? | How did the Timurid dynasty synthesize earlier Turko-Mongolic, Persian, and Arabian cultural institutions? |
| Comparison | Compare both the brutal and benign aspects of Timurid governance with that of the earlier Mongol Empire. | Compare the use of religious ideology and its supports in material culture in legitimizing state power in Timurid Central Asia and Renaissance Italy. |
| Causation | How did the consolidation of much of the territory of Central Asia under Emir Temur reinvigorate overland trade on the Silk Road? | How did the trade revenues in the Timurid Empire foster the cultural, intellectual, and architectural developments |
| Continuity & Change | To what extent did Emir Temur succeed at his intended goal of emulating Genghis Khan as a conqueror and political leader? | To what extent was the Islam of the Timurid Dynasty distinct from earlier forms of the religion due to the cultural synthesis of diverse sources? |