



Practice Worksheet on Medieval Crimea

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Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the circumstances that led to the formation of the Principality of Theodoro.
2. Describe the composition of the population of Theodoro and their cultural and religious affiliations.
3. Explain the political organization and foreign relations of the Principality of Theodoro.
4. Describe the economic activities that shaped the economy of Theodoro.
5. Illustrate the cultural and architectural aspects of Theodoro, highlighting its unique features.
6. Narrate the events that led to the downfall of the Principality of Theodoro.

7. Discuss the significance and legacy of Theodoro in the history of Crimea and Eastern Europe.

8. Analyze the geopolitical significance of Theodoro's location and its impact on the principality's history.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which empire's influence was most prominent in the early development of Theodoro?

- a) Poland
- b) Byzantine Empire
- c) Golden Horde
- d) Genoese Republic

2. What was the primary religion practiced in Theodoro?

- a) Catholicism
- b) Orthodox Christianity
- c) Islam
- d) Judaism

3. What was the capital city of Theodoro?

- a) Chersonesus
- b) Mangup
- c) Sudak
- d) Caffa

4. During which centuries did Theodoro exist?

- a) 13th century

- b) 14th-15th centuries
- c) 16th century
- d) 17th century

5. Which empire conquered Theodoro in 1475?

- a) Lithuania
- b) Poland
- c) Ottoman Empire
- d) Genoese Republic

6. What were the main economic activities in Theodoro?

- a) Agriculture only
- b) Trade only
- c) Crafts only
- d) Agriculture, crafts, and trade

7. What title did the rulers of Theodoro use?

- a) Archduke
- b) King
- c) Grand Duke
- d) Archon or Despot

8. Which architectural styles were combined in Theodoro?

- a) Latin
- b) Arabic
- c) Slavic
- d) Byzantine and local

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

1. Explain the circumstances that led to the formation of the Principality of Theodoro.

Expected Answer: The weakening of the Byzantine Empire and Mongol rule in Crimea created a power vacuum, allowing the principality of Theodoro to emerge.

2. Describe the composition of the population of Theodoro and their cultural and religious affiliations.

Expected Answer: Theodoro's population consisted mainly of Greeks, Crimean Goths, Alans, and other groups who practiced Orthodox Christianity and maintained cultural ties with Byzantium.

3. Explain the political organization and foreign relations of the Principality of Theodoro.

Expected Answer: The rulers of Theodoro held the titles of archon or despot, demonstrating their connections to the Byzantine Empire. They engaged in active foreign policy, interacting with the Genoese Republic, the Golden Horde, and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

4. Describe the economic activities that shaped the economy of Theodoro.

Expected Answer: The economy of Theodoro relied on agriculture, crafts, and trade. Mangup served as a significant trade center, and trade routes connected Crimea with the southern coast of the Black Sea.

5. Illustrate the cultural and architectural aspects of Theodoro, highlighting its unique features.

Expected Answer: The architecture of Theodoro combined Byzantine and local traditions. The surviving fortresses and temples showcase advanced construction

techniques.

6. Narrate the events that led to the downfall of the Principality of Theodoro.

Expected Answer: In 1475, Ottoman forces captured Genoese colonies in Crimea and besieged Mangup. After a protracted siege, Mangup fell, resulting in the end of Theodoro.

7. Discuss the significance and legacy of Theodoro in the history of Crimea and Eastern Europe.

Expected Answer: Theodoro played a critical role in the political and cultural processes of medieval Crimea. Its architectural monuments serve as valuable historical evidence.

8. Analyze the geopolitical significance of Theodoro's location and its impact on the principality's history.

Expected Answer: Theodoro's strategic location facilitated trade between various regions, significantly influencing its economic development and its interactions with other powers.

Multiple Choice Questions - Correct Answers

1. Which empire's influence was most prominent in the early development of Theodoro?

Correct Answer: Byzantine Empire

2. What was the primary religion practiced in Theodoro?

Correct Answer: Orthodox Christianity

3. What was the capital city of Theodoro?

Correct Answer: Mangup

4. During which centuries did Theodoro exist?

Correct Answer: 14th-15th centuries

5. Which empire conquered Theodoro in 1475?

Correct Answer: Ottoman Empire

6. What were the main economic activities in Theodoro?

Correct Answer: Agriculture, crafts, and trade

7. What title did the rulers of Theodoro use?

Correct Answer: Archon or Despot

8. Which architectural styles were combined in Theodoro?

Correct Answer: Byzantine and local