



Practice Worksheet on Principality of Theodoro

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Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the circumstances that led to the emergence of the Principality of Theodoro.
2. Describe the composition of the population of the Principality of Theodoro and their shared characteristics.
3. Explain the political organization and system of governance in the Principality of Theodoro, and its connection to Byzantium.
4. Describe Theodoro's foreign policy and its relations with other significant powers.
5. Explain the economic foundations of the Principality of Theodoro and the role of Mangup in the economy.
6. Describe the architectural style and cultural characteristics of Theodoro, giving specific examples.

7. Describe the events that led to the downfall of Theodoro and its incorporation into the Ottoman Empire.

8. Discuss the historical significance and legacy of the Principality of Theodoro, highlighting its cultural and historical importance.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which empire's decline created a power vacuum that allowed the Principality of Theodoro to emerge?

- a) Kievan Rus'
- b) Byzantine Empire
- c) Golden Horde
- d) Ottoman Empire

2. What religion was predominantly practiced by the people of Theodoro?

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

3. What was the capital city of the Principality of Theodoro?

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

4. The Principality of Theodoro had significant interactions with which powerful Italian city-state?

- a) Republic of Venice
- b) Genoese Republic
- c) Papal States
- d) Holy Roman Empire

5. What were the main economic activities within the Principality of Theodoro?

- a) Agriculture and Fishing
- b) Agriculture, Crafts, and Trade
- c) Mining and Manufacturing
- d) Pastoralism and Hunting

6. During which centuries did the Principality of Theodoro exist?

- a) 13th Century
- b) 14th and 15th Centuries
- c) 16th Century
- d) 17th Century

7. What titles were used by the rulers of the Principality of Theodoro, showing Byzantine influence?

- a) King
- b) Emperor
- c) Archon or Despot
- d) Khan

8. In what year did the Ottoman Empire conquer the Principality of Theodoro?

- a) 1475
- b) 1453
- c) 1500
- d) 1543

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

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

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

2. Describe the composition of the population of the Principality of Theodoro and their shared characteristics.

Expected Answer: Its population consisted mainly of Greeks, Crimean Goths, Alans, and other groups, united by Orthodox Christianity and cultural ties to Byzantium.

3. Explain the political organization and system of governance in the Principality of Theodoro, and its connection to Byzantium.

Expected Answer: Theodoro had a monarchical system with rulers holding the title of archon or despot, indicating strong Byzantine influence.

4. Describe Theodoro's foreign policy and its relations with other significant powers.

Expected Answer: Theodoro engaged actively in diplomacy and maintained relationships with various powers, such as the Genoese Republic, the Golden Horde, and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

5. Explain the economic foundations of the Principality of Theodoro and the role of Mangup in the economy.

Expected Answer: Its economy revolved around agriculture, crafts, and trade. Mangup served as a major commercial center.

6. Describe the architectural style and cultural characteristics of Theodoro, giving specific examples.

Expected Answer: The architecture of Theodoro blended Byzantine and local traditions, and the remaining fortresses and temples show a high level of construction skill.

7. Describe the events that led to the downfall of Theodoro and its incorporation into the Ottoman Empire.

Expected Answer: In 1475, Ottoman forces conquered Genoese colonies in Crimea, culminating in the siege and fall of Mangup and Theodoro's end.

8. Discuss the historical significance and legacy of the Principality of Theodoro, highlighting its cultural and historical importance.

Expected Answer: Theodoro represents a significant part of Crimean and Eastern European history. It served as the last bastion of Orthodox culture before Ottoman rule.

Multiple Choice Questions – Correct Answers

1. Which empire's decline created a power vacuum that allowed the Principality of Theodoro to emerge?

Correct Answer: Byzantine Empire

2. What religion was predominantly practiced by the people of Theodoro?

Correct Answer: Orthodox Christianity

3. What was the capital city of the Principality of Theodoro?

Correct Answer: Mangup

4. The Principality of Theodoro had significant interactions with which powerful Italian city-state?

Correct Answer: Genoese Republic

5. What were the main economic activities within the Principality of Theodoro?

Correct Answer: Agriculture, Crafts, and Trade

6. During which centuries did the Principality of Theodoro exist?

Correct Answer: 14th and 15th Centuries

7. What titles were used by the rulers of the Principality of Theodoro, showing Byzantine influence?

Correct Answer: Archon or Despot

8. In what year did the Ottoman Empire conquer the Principality of Theodoro?

Correct Answer: 1475