Final Paper

Due: Monday, May 3 from 5:00 to 5:30 in DHC 206
   Hard copy due with the grading sheet on the reverse attached. (Your hard copy
   may be turned in at any time prior to the deadline. Slide it under my office
door.)
   Electronic Copy due to Turnitin.com

Length: 7 to 12 pages

Topic:

Write a paper on how Chinese history has been affected by relations with the outside
world. Organize the paper around a thesis assessing the degree to which outside
influences--including foreign conquests, ideas and technologies--altered the direction of
Chinese history. Consider whether the influences were profound, superficial, or had
intermediate levels of importance. Chronologically, the paper should consider the entire
scope of Chinese history, but give special attention to the last 900 years. For full credit,
the paper must discuss the Mongol and Manchu conquests, and telegraph and internet
technologies.

Use the assigned readings and class notes for the entire semester as sources. No
additional research is necessary to write a successful paper. There are no right or wrong
interpretations of the evidence, but some arguments will be more persuasive than others.

Evaluation of Papers:
80% of the grade will be based on content. Grades of A will be awarded to each paper
with a clear thesis that is persuasively defended with appropriate evidence drawn from
class sources.

The other 20% will be based upon grammar and word usage (4%), spelling, capitalization
and punctuation (4%), organization (4%), readability (4%), and bibliography and
citations in Chicago A or B format (4%).
I. Content (80%)

Mastery of course material:

___Excellent  ___Good  ___Fair  ___Poor

Defense of thesis:

___Excellent  ___Good  ___Fair  ___Poor

A=72-80, B=64-71, C=56-63, D=48-55, F=47 or lower  

II. Writing mechanics (20%)

A=4, B=3.5, C=3, D=2.5, F=2 or lower

Grammar and word usage (4%)

Spelling, capitalization, and punctuation (4%)

Organization (4%)

Readability (4%)

Bibliography and citations in Chicago A or B (4%)

Total

Correction Symbols Used in Grading Paper

agr  wrong agreement (noun-verb or noun-noun)
awk  awkward sentence
cit  citation needed
frag sentence fragment (usually a sentence that lacks a verb)
org  organization problems
redun redundant (using different words to say the same thing more than once)
rep  repetitious use of the same word
run-on run-on sentence
sp  wrong spelling
trans poor transition (between sentences or paragraphs)
ton  wrong verb tense
unc  unclear phrase, sentence, or paragraph
wf  wrong grammatical form of word
ww  wrong word usage
¶  new paragraph needed