**Chapter 13—Political Transformations: Empires and Encounters, 1450–1750**

**Seeking the Main Point**

**In what ways did European empires in the Americas resemble their Russian, Chinese, Mughal, and Ottoman counterparts, and in what respects were they different? Do you find the similarities or the differences more striking?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it as you take notes and for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind you of the key similarities and differences between European empires in the Americas and their Russian, Chinese, Mughal, and Ottoman counterparts. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure to put quotation marks around the copied material; however, if you can think of a way to put it into your own words, you should do so.*

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|  | **Similarities to European Empires in the Americas** | **Differences from European Empires in the Americas** |
| **Russian Empire** |  |  |
| **Chinese Empire** |  |  |
| **Mughal Empire** |  |  |
| **Ottoman Empire** |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers this question:*

**Were the European empires in the Americas fundamentally similar to or different from other empires in the early modern era?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. Remember that questions like this have no single correct answer. It is best to recognize that there might be developments that contradict your answer, but make the case that on balance they are outweighed by factors in support of your argument. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*