

Regional Kingdoms of the Post-Classical World

Explore the diverse political landscape of the Post-Classical era.
Understand the defining characteristics and historical significance of regional kingdoms. This presentation is designed for Grade 7 World History.

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What is a Regional Kingdom?

Regional kingdoms emerged after the decline of large empires. They controlled smaller territories, distinct from sprawling empires. Unique cultural and political identities developed within them.

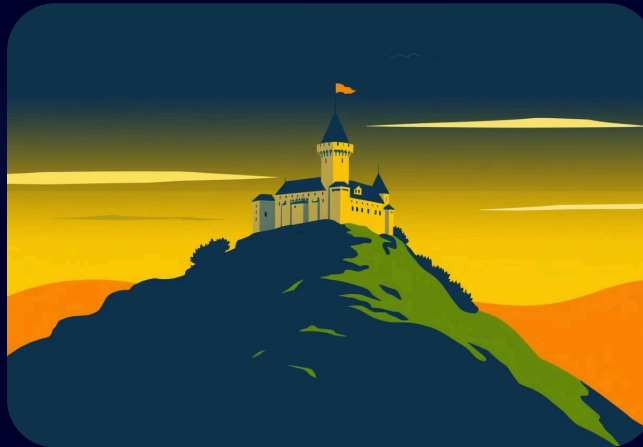
Political Fragmentation

These kingdoms arose from the political fragmentation following imperial collapse.



Smaller Territories

They governed more localized areas, unlike vast empires.



Unique Identities

Each kingdom cultivated its own distinct culture and political system.



Example 1: The Vijayanagara Empire (South India)

Founded in 1336 CE, it rose from the Delhi Sultanate's ruins. The empire spanned much of South India. It is famous for impressive architecture like the Hampi temples. It also patronized arts, literature, and philosophy.

Foundation

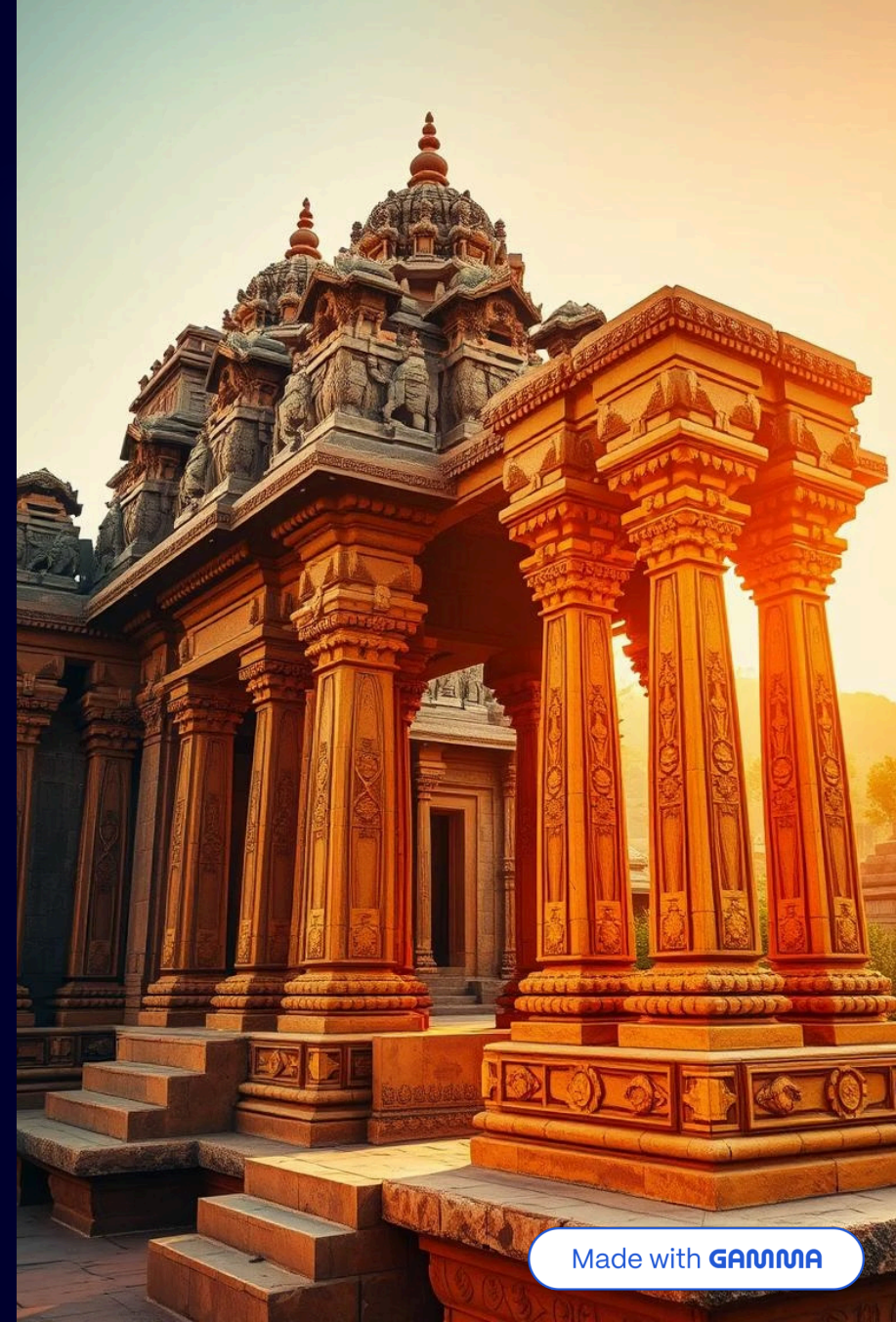
Arose from the ruins of the Delhi Sultanate.

Dominance

Controlled a vast portion of South India.

Cultural Hub

Supported arts, literature, and philosophy.





Example 2: The Kingdom of Great Zimbabwe (Southern Africa)

This kingdom flourished from the 11th to 15th centuries CE. It controlled crucial trade routes for gold, copper, and ivory. It is renowned for its massive stone structures, including the Great Enclosure.

- **Prosperity:** Flourished between the 11th and 15th centuries CE.
- **Trade Power:** Dominated gold, copper, and ivory trade routes.
- **Architectural Marvel:** Built impressive stone structures.



Example 3: The Khmer Empire (Southeast Asia)

The Khmer Empire existed from the 9th to 15th centuries CE. Its capital was Angkor, home to massive temple complexes. Notable rulers included Jayavarman II and Suryavarman II. The empire developed advanced irrigation and water management systems.

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Foundation

Established in the 9th century CE.

2

Angkor Peak

Massive temple complexes flourished.

3

Advanced Systems

Pioneered sophisticated water management.



Example 4: The Kingdom of Aksum (East Africa)

Aksum flourished from the 1st to 7th centuries CE. It was a major trading center, connecting the Red Sea and Indian Ocean. King Ezana adopted Christianity in the 4th century CE. The kingdom developed its own Aksumite script and coinage.



Trade Powerhouse

A hub for Red Sea and Indian Ocean trade.



Christian Conversion

Adopted Christianity under King Ezana.



Unique Culture

Developed Aksumite script and coinage.



Example 5: The Heian Period (Japan)

The Heian Period lasted from 794 to 1185 CE. It was a precursor to the shogunate era. This period is notable for its rich cultural achievements in literature and art. It also saw the rise of the samurai class and the development of Japanese script (kana).

794

Start Date

Capital moved to Heian-kyo.

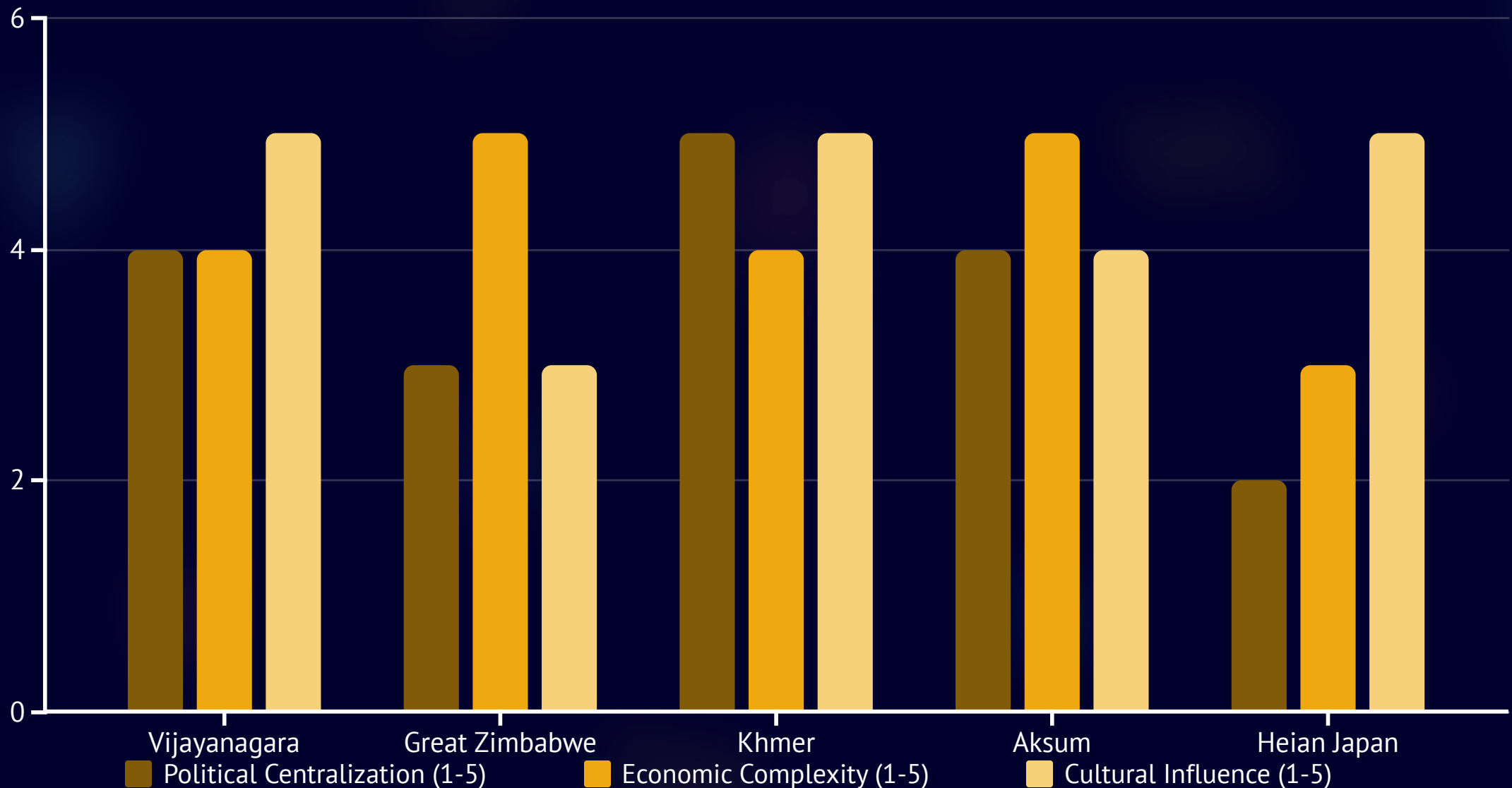
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End Date

Marks beginning of samurai dominance.

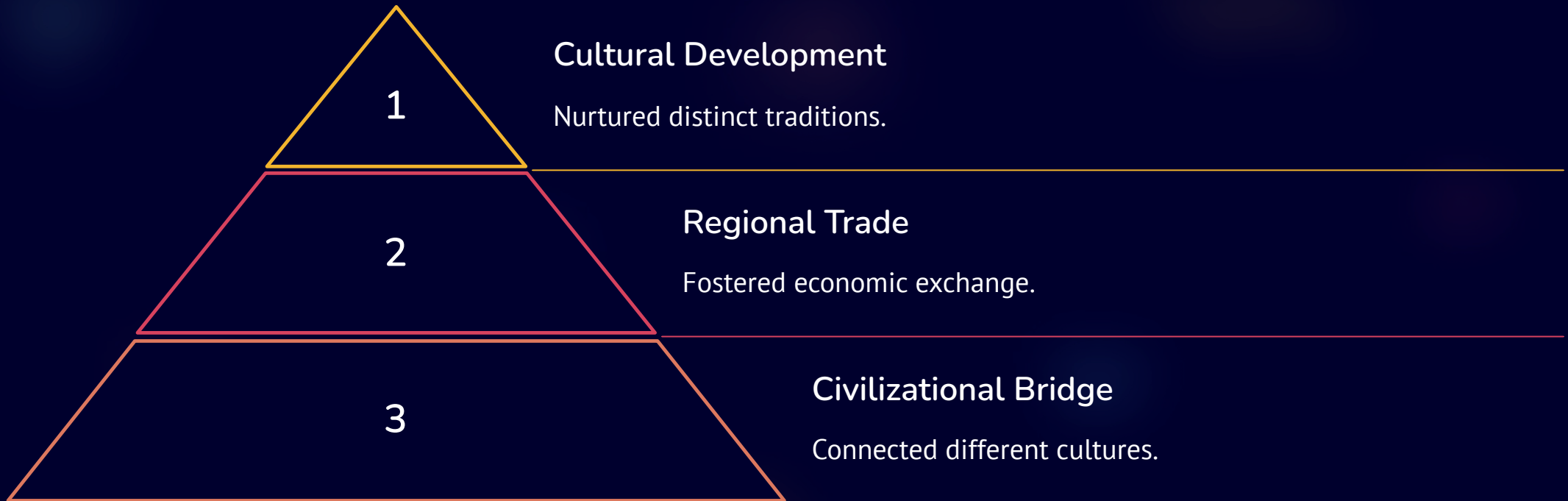
Comparing the Kingdoms

Regional kingdoms exhibited varied political organizations. Their economic activities included agriculture, trade, and resource extraction. They left significant cultural achievements in architecture, art, literature, and religion.



Significance of Regional Kingdoms

Regional kingdoms preserved and developed unique cultural traditions. They facilitated trade and exchange within their regions. Often, they served as a bridge between diverse civilizations.



Legacy of Regional Kingdoms

These kingdoms shaped the political and cultural map of the world. They influenced the development of modern nations. They provide valuable insights into human history and societal evolution.

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Shaped World Map

Defined future political boundaries.

2

Influenced Modern Nations

Laid foundations for current states.

3

Historical Insights

Offer lessons on human civilization.