

## How Portugal Changed Everything

### **Scenario:**

You are the fourth child of a lesser noble in Europe in the 1570s. Your oldest brother is inheriting all the money and land, the second child has been advantageously married off, your third sibling has been given to the church. The prospects for you look pretty dim. Fortunately, there is an option. You have a deep and abiding love of the sea. Your fondest desire is to gain admittance to the Navigation School of the Famed Prince Henry of Portugal. You've traveled to Lisbon to take the entrance exam. It consists of one question.

**Question:** In a well structured, five paragraph essay, evaluate how the policies of Prince Henry the Navigator – particularly development of a skilled labor force (navigators), government subsidies – have encouraged Portuguese exploration of the East and the resulting rise in international trade. As a third factor, consider the importance of the fact that throughout this time Portugal maintained a stable government. Finally, consider whether there have been any Portuguese policies, which have discouraged trade.

### How Portugal Changed Everything Scoring Guide

	Not Scorable	Does Not Meet	Partially Meets	Meets	Exceeds
Economics D2: Evaluate the effect on international trade of domestic policies, which either encourage or discourage exchange of goods and services (e.g., quotas, tariffs, skilled labor, stable government).	No evaluation was attempted. OR work is non-responsive to the assessment. OR work cannot be deciphered.	Key facts are missing in two of the three areas of evaluation.  Errors or omissions significantly reflect major misunderstandings.	Key facts are missing or inaccurate in one of the three areas of evaluation.  Errors or omissions do reflect major misunderstandings.	Domestic policies, which encourage or discourage exchange, are evaluated.  Student specifically assesses the impact of government subsidy, stable government, and skilled workers on international trade.  Student evaluates at least one policy, which discouraged international trade.  Errors or omissions do not reflect major misunderstandings.	Meets all requirements for a 3.  Comparisons are accurate and thorough, and may include unique or insightful analysis  There are no errors or omissions.