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**Cause & Effect:**

Explain the major reasons for the fall of the Mongol Empire? Link the decline of the Mongol Empire to an empire studied previously in class. Use specific examples for both.

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**Compare & Contrast:**

Consider how the structure of Japanese Feudalism is similar to or different from European Feudalism. Were the reasons for the development of feudalism in the two regions the same? Explain your answer.

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**Synthesizing:**

How were Korea and Japan influenced by Chinese cultural aspects and ideas? Use a minimum of three examples and explain each thoroughly.