



Thai History

Subject: English (Grade 9 / ๙.3)

Topic: The Kingdoms of Thailand

Name: _____ **Class:** _____ **No:** _____

Part 1: Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read the following text about the four major eras of Thai history, then answer the questions below.

The history of Thailand is divided into four major kingdoms: Sukhothai, Ayutthaya, Thonburi, and Rattanakosin.

The **Sukhothai Kingdom** was founded in 1238. It is often called the "Dawn of Happiness." King Ramkhamhaeng the Great created the Thai alphabet during this period.

Next, the **Ayutthaya Kingdom** became the capital in 1350. It grew into a powerful trading hub in Asia, interacting with nations like the Dutch, Portuguese, and Chinese. Ayutthaya lasted for 417 years before it was destroyed in 1767.

After the fall of Ayutthaya, King Taksin the Great established the **Thonburi Kingdom** to reunite the nation.

Finally, King Rama I founded the **Rattanakosin Kingdom** (Bangkok) in 1782, which remains the capital city of Thailand today.

Questions:

1. According to the text, which kingdom is known as the "Dawn of Happiness"?

o Answer: _____

2. What did King Ramkhamhaeng the Great create?

o Answer: _____

3. How long did the Ayutthaya Kingdom last?

o Answer: _____

4. Who established the Thonburi Kingdom, and why?

o Answer: _____

Part 2: Vocabulary Match-up

Directions: Match the English historical terms on the left with their correct Thai meanings on the right.

English Term

1. Found (v.)

2. Kingdom (n.)

3. Capital (n.)

4. Era (n.)

5. Destroy (v.)

Thai Meaning

A. กรุงเทพมหานคร / เมืองหลวง

B. สถาปนา / ก่อตั้ง

C. ยุค / สมัย

D. ราชอาณาจักร

E. ทำลาย

Part 3: Grammar & Writing Focus

Directions A (Grammar): Change the verbs in the parentheses into the correct **Past Simple (V.2)** or **Past Passive Voice (was/were + V.3)**.

1. King Ramkhamhaeng _____ (create) the Thai alphabet in 1283.
2. The Ayutthaya Kingdom _____ (found) by King U-Thong in 1350.
3. Ayutthaya _____ (become) a famous international trading port.
4. Bangkok _____ (choose) as the new capital city by King Rama I in 1782.

Directions B (Short Paragraph Writing):

Imagine you are an international tour guide. Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) introducing your favorite era of Thai history to foreign tourists. Use at least 3 past tense verbs.

My Favorite Thai Era is.....
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