

## Transitions Guide

Explain how Europe benefited from cultural diffusion during the period c. A.D. 1000 - 1500.

Transitions are *bridges* in your writing which take the reader from one thought to the next. These bridges link your ideas together and help you avoid choppy writing. Use the following transitional expressions as an aid in moving smoothly from one idea to another in a paragraph or essay.

Keep your transitions brief and inconspicuous. Here are some choices of transitional phrases you can use to illustrate certain points or relationships.

**Adding a point:** furthermore, besides, finally, in addition to, moreover, additionally, besides, likewise, also, too, even more important

**Emphasis:** above all, indeed, in fact, in other words, most important

**Time:** then, afterwards, eventually, next, thereafter, immediately, meanwhile, previously, already, often, since then, now, later, usually, first, second, third, in the first place, in the second place, finally, last, at length, soon, in the meantime, in the past

**Space:** next to, across, from, above, below, nearby, inside, beyond, between surrounding, opposite to, adjacent to, on the opposite side

**Cause and Effect:** consequently, as a result, therefore, thus, accordingly, then, because, hence

**Examples:** for example, for instance, to illustrate, specifically, let me name a few

**Progression:** first, second, third, furthermore (see *Time*)

**Contrast:** but, however, in contrast, instead, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, though, still, unfortunately, conversely, even so, notwithstanding, for all that, at the same time, although this may be true, otherwise, nonetheless

**Similarity:** like, also, likewise, similarly, as, then too, in like manner

**Concession:** although, yet, of course, after all, granted, while it is true

**Conclusions:** therefore, to sum up, in brief, in general, in short, for these reasons, in retrospect, finally, in conclusion, on the whole, as I have said, in other words, to be sure, as has been noted, fore example, for instance, in fact, indeed, to tell the truth, in any event, in closing