

Grade 9 Answer

Explain Difference/Similarity

4
Marks

Question:

Explain one way in which the army in the years c1500-c1700 was different from the army in the years c1700-c1900. (4 marks)

Answer:

One way in which the army in the years c1500-c1700 was different to the army in the years c1700-c1900 was the focus on merit based promotion. In the earlier period, selection and promotion of officers was based on money and influence, so many officers were not experienced. However, after Cardwell's army reforms in 1871, officers were promoted based on merit, rather than influence. This created a professional career path for officers, and increased the quality of the army.

Feedback:

This answer would get 4/4 marks because the pupil has identified a difference in the periods (shift towards merit based promotion in the army), and explained how this changed between the periods, using historical evidence to back up the explanation.

