

# Guided Essay: Asoka of India: Ruthless Conqueror or Enlightened Ruler?

## I. INTRODUCTION

A. Grabber

B. Background information: Include time (dates), place (location), and story

C. Restatement of the question

D. Thesis and Road Map: Asoka was \_\_\_\_\_ (a ruthless conqueror / an enlightened ruler) for three reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,

and \_\_\_\_\_ .

## II. BODY PARAGRAPH #1 (Reason One: \_\_\_\_\_)

A. Baby Thesis: The first reason that Asoka was \_\_\_\_\_ (a ruthless conqueror / an enlightened ruler) is

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Evidence of this is

C. Argument: This evidence helps explain why Asoka was \_\_\_\_\_ (a ruthless conqueror / an enlightened ruler) because \_\_\_\_\_

**III. BODY PARAGRAPH #2** (Reason Two: \_\_\_\_\_)

A. Baby Thesis: A second reason that Asoka was (a ruthless conqueror / an enlightened ruler) is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Evidence of this is

C. Argument: This evidence shows that Asoka was (a ruthless conqueror / an enlightened ruler) because

**IV. BODY PARAGRAPH #3** (Reason Three: \_\_\_\_\_)

A. Baby Thesis: A final reason that Asoka was (a ruthless conqueror / an enlightened ruler) is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Evidence of this is

C. Argument: This evidence helps argue that Asoka was (a ruthless conqueror / an enlightened ruler) because

**V. CONCLUSION**

A. Although statement: It must be said that Asoka did show some (ruthless / enlightened) behavior. For example, he \_\_\_\_\_

B. However, the three reasons presented above – \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ – show that, in the end, Asoka must be remembered as (a ruthless conqueror / an enlightened ruler.)