Some patterns for describing history

(1) Period of time

- The Sukhothai Kingdom <u>was founded in</u> 1792 B.E. and <u>had existed for</u> approximately 200 years.
- <u>Dated back</u>1238 1792 B.E., the Sukhothai Kingdom was founded as the kingdom.
- The kingdom <u>was established</u> in 1792 B.E. by Pho Khun Sri Intrathit or Pho Khun Bang Klang Hao, the founder of the PhraRuang Dynasty.
- The kingdom <u>had remained its independence for</u> approximately 200 years before it <u>was</u> <u>united with</u> the Ayutthaya Kingdom in 1981.
- The kingdom <u>became Ayutthaya tributary</u> in 1981.

(2) Boundary/Location/ Surrounding

- The Sukhothai Kingdom was situated on the central plain of the Yom River basin.
- <u>The boundary of</u> the Sukhothai Kingdom<u>was</u> around the area of Sukhothai, Sri Satchanalai,
 Kampaengphet, Nakorn Sawan and Mae Sod.
- The kingdom <u>covered the areas called today</u> Sukhothai Province and Kampaengphet Province.

You can also talk about specific physical characters of a town/ town center of the Kingdom as the following examples:

- <u>The compound that marks the area of</u> the center of Sukhothai Kingdom <u>lies</u> on a rectangular, 1800 meters in width and 2000 meters in height. The area was walled with 3- layers levees. Between each levee is a moat.
- The city walls <u>form</u> a rectangle, about 2 km. east- west by (x) 1.6 km. north-south.

(3) Expansions of political power

- The expansion of the kingdom's political power was in the reign of King Ram Kamhaeng.
- In the reign of King Ram Kamhaeng, the Sukhothai Kingdom's political power<u>was</u> <u>expanded to</u> Nakorn Sri Thammaraj and Malaya in the south, Honsawadee, Motama and Tanaosri in the west, Phrae, Nan, Vientiane and Luang Prabang in the north.
- The Sukhothai Kingdom <u>had seen the greatest political power, religious, art and cultural prosperity during</u> the reign of King Ram Kamhaeng, <u>in which its expansions were to</u> Nakorn Sri Thammaraj and Malaya in the south, Honsawadee, Motama and Tanaosri in the west, Phrae, Nan, Vientiane and Luang Prabang in the north.

- <u>It has evidence</u> in the stele No. 1 (stone inscription No. 1) <u>that</u> the kingdom was expanded to Nakorn Sri Thammaraj and Malaya in the south, Honsawadee, Motama and Tanaosri in the west, Phrae, Nan, Vientiane and Luang Prabang in the north.
- (4) Decline (fall) and domination of other kingdom or other influences/ unification with other kingdom
- <u>Towards the end of</u> the 14th century, the power of the Sukhothai Kingdom <u>began to fade</u> and the town <u>came under the control of</u> the Ayutthaya Kingdom.
- <u>By late 14thcentury</u>, the power of the Sukhothai Kingdom <u>began to fade</u> and the town <u>came</u> <u>under the control of</u> the Ayutthaya Kingdom.
- <u>In the mid</u> 15th century, Sukhothai Kingdom was unified with Ayutthaya Kingdom.
- <u>The real decline of the Sukhothai Kingdom was due to</u> the fall of Ayutthaya in 2310 B.E. (1767)
- The real decline of the Sukhothai Kingdom <u>was after</u> the fall of the Ayutthaya Kingdom in 2310 B.E. (1767) in which the Sukhothai was deserted since then.