The first half of your thesis is provided ("Nation-states developed in the West in the period from 1500 to the present because…") and you will develop the ending to this statement. In addition, choose two nation-states from the following list to analyze as examples to complete the statement: France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Spain.

Nation-states developed in the West in the period of 1500 to the present because of Spain’s involvement in the transoceanic trade, the French westward expansion and varying government structures.

Nation-states developed in the West in the period of 1500 to the present because of nationalist movements in Italy, Germany’s involvement in transoceanic trade and westward expansion.