

PRE-AP WORLD HISTORY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

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Read chapters 1-3 and fully answer the questions for each chapter. Write a short definition of the terms. There will be a notes quiz over this material on the first day of class.

Unit One Reading Questions

Chapter One

- *In what areas of the world did systematic agriculture develop during the Neolithic Age, and how did this development affect the lives of men and women?*
- *What are the characteristics of civilization, and what are some explanations for why early civilizations emerged?*

Chapter Two

- *What effects did geography have on the civilizations that arose in Mesopotamia and Egypt?*
- *What role did religion play in the early civilizations of Western Asia and Egypt, and how did Judaism and Zoroastrianism differ from the other religions of the region?*
- *What methods and institutions did the Assyrians and Persians use to amass and maintain their respective empires?*
- *In what ways were the civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt alike? In what ways were they different?*
- *How did pastoral nomadic groups interact with settled civilizations? What changes did they cause?*

Chapter Three

- *What were the features of the Harappan Civilization, and in what ways was it similar to the civilizations that arose in Egypt and Mesopotamia?*
- *What roles did the caste system and the family play in Indian society?*
- *What are the main tenets of Hinduism and Buddhism, and how did each religion influence Indian civilization?*
- *Why was India unable to maintain a unified empire in the first millennium B.C.E., and how was the Mauryan Empire temporarily able to overcome the tendencies toward disunity?*
- *What effects did the Aryans have on Indian civilization?*
- *How did geography influence the civilization that arose in China?*
- *What were the major tenets of Confucianism, Legalism, and Daoism, and what role did each play in Chinese civilization?*
- *What were the key aspects of social and economic life in early China?*
- *What role did nomadic peoples play in early Chinese history?*
- *What concepts of kingship and political governmental institutions characterized each of the major dynasties of early China – the Shang, the Zhou, the Qin, and the Han?*

Chapter One

1. Neolithic / Agricultural Revolution

Chapter Two

1. Mesopotamia
2. Sumerians
3. Sargon of Akkad
4. Hammurabi/the Code of Hammurabi
5. cuneiform
6. Epic of Gilgamesh
7. the Nile
8. Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, New Kingdom
9. Hyksos
10. Hatshepsut
11. Akhenaten
12. Hieroglyphics/hieratic script
13. Indo-Europeans
14. Hittites & Iron
15. Phoenician alphabet
16. Hebrews & Israelites
17. Kingdoms of Judah & Israel
18. Babylonian captivity
19. Yahweh
20. the prophets
21. Assyria & King Ashurbanipal
22. Persia & Cyrus the Great/Darius
23. satraps, the Royal Road
24. Zoroaster
25. Zend Avista

Chapter Three

1. Ganges & Indus Rivers
2. Harappans
3. Mohenjo-Daro
4. Harrapan seals
5. the Deccan Plateau
6. Dravidians
7. Aryans
8. raja (maharaja)
9. Alexander the Great
10. varna/caste
11. untouchables/pariahs
12. the monsoon
13. asceticism
14. sati/suttee
15. Hinduism
16. Vedas
17. Brahman
18. karma
19. dharma
20. reincarnation
21. Buddhism
22. Siddhartha Gautama
23. sermon @ deer park @ Sarnath/Benares
24. Nirvana
25. Bodhi
26. Atman
27. Four Noble Truths
28. Middle Path/Eightfold Way
29. Jainism
30. Mauryan Empire
31. Asokan pillars
32. Sanskrit
33. stupas & rock chamber

Chapter Three

1. Yellow & Yangtze Rivers
2. Gobi Desert & the Tibetan Plateau
3. Shang Dynasty
4. veneration of ancestors
5. oracle bones
6. Shang bronzes
7. Zhou Dynasty
8. silk
9. the Silk road
10. Mandate of Heaven
11. yang & yin
12. Confucius
13. the Analects
14. Legalism
15. Way of Great Learning
16. Lao Tzu
17. Daoism
18. Period of Warring States
19. Sun Tzu
20. Qin Dynasty
21. Great Wall
22. Han Dynasty
23. Liu Bang
24. Han Wudi
25. filial piety
26. calligraphy