

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

(the terms on the following page should guide you in identifying the answers to the following 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
2. characteristics of civilization

Chapter Two

1. Mesopotamia
2. Sumerians
3. Sargon of Akkad
4. Hammurabi/the Code of Hammurabi
5. cuneiform
6. the Nile
7. hieroglyphics / hieratic script
8. Indo-Europeans
9. Hittites and iron
10. Phoenician alphabet
11. Hebrews & Israelites
12. Kingdoms of Judah and Israel
13. Babylonian captivity
14. Yahweh
15. the prophets
16. Assyria & King Ashurbanipal
17. Persian & Cyrus the Great, Darius
18. satraps, the Royal Road
19. Zoroaster
20. Zend Avista

Chapter Three - India

1. Ganges & Indus Rivers
2. Harappans
3. Harrapan seals
4. the Deccan Plateau
5. Aryans
6. raja / maharaja
7. caste / varna
8. untouchables
9. the monsoon
10. asceticism
11. suttee
12. Hinduism
13. Vedas
14. Brahman
15. reincarnation
16. Buddhism
17. Siddhartha Gautama
18. Four Noble Truths
19. Middle Path / Eightfold Way
20. Mauryan Empire
21. Sanskrit

Chapter Three - China

1. Yellow & Yangtze Rivers
2. Gobi Desert & the Tibetan Plateau
3. Shang Dynasty
4. oracle bones
5. veneration of ancestors
6. Zhou Dynasty
7. silk
8. Silk Road
9. Mandate of Heaven
10. Confucius
11. the Analects
12. Legalism
13. Daoism
14. Period of Warring States
15. Qin Dynasty
16. Great Wall
17. Han Dynasty
18. filial piety
19. calligraphy