Final Exam Study Guide

**Unit 1: The Rise of Civilization (river valley civilizations and Greece & Rome)**

*Important Terms/People:*

Historians

Culture

Artifacts Vs. Fossils

Prehistory

Paleolithic vs. Neolithic period

Nomads

Neolithic revolution

Technology

Polytheism vs. Monotheism

*Important Questions:*

What is the difference between Written history and Oral history?

What is the difference between a primary and secondary source? What are some examples of each?

Why was the Neolithic revolution a turning point in world history?

What are the 7 characteristics of civilization?

What were the four river valley civilizations?

What was Cuneiform and why was it important?

What was Hammurabi’s code and why was it significant?

Who created the first alphabet?

What was the most significant technological advancement of Ancient India?

What is a caste system?

Describe the major differences between the two cities of Athens and Sparta.

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**Unit 1.5: World Religions**

*Important Terms/People:*

Bible

Reincarnation

Triptaka

Torah

Quran

Sharia

Pilgrimage

Mecca

Jesus

Siddhartha Gautama

*Important Questions*

What are the 5 major world religions?

Name each religion’s holy book, founder, and date of origin.

What are the five pillars of Islam?

What is the founding story of Buddhism?

What are the similarities between Christianity and Buddhism?

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**Unit 2: Medieval Africa, Asia and Mesoamerica**

*Important Terms/People:*

Kush

Mansa Musa

Slash and burn agriculture

Human sacrifice

Genghis Khan

Archipelago

Bushido

*Important Questions*

What are the four kingdoms of Africa that we studied?

How were the pyramids of Nubia different than Ancient Egypt?

What natural resources did Africa have?

Describe Genghis Khan’s war tactics.

What is the geography and climate of Japan like?

How did feudalism in Japan work?

Describe the culture of the Aztec empire.

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**Unit 2.5: Dark and Middle Ages of Europe**

*Important Terms/People:*

Constantinople

Bosporus Strait

Great Schism

Hagia Sophia

Charlemagne

Papal supremacy

lay investiture

excommunicate

tithe

feudal contact

*Important Questions*

Why did the Byzantine Empire Fall?

What was the bubonic plague? What are some other names for the plague?

How did the plague impact Europe?

What was the code of chivalry?

What were the crusades? How was the “holy land” important?

How did feudalism work? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Unit 3 and 3.5: Renaissance and Reformation**

*Important Terms/People:*

Humanists

Medici Family

Patron

Renaissance man

Machiavelli

indulgences

Predestination

Scientific method

Copernicus

Kepler

Galileo

*Important Questions*

What is the “Renaissance?”

How did the Medici Family influence the renaissance ?

What were some of Michelangelo’s greatest works? Da Vinci’s?

What is humanism?

What was “the prince” about?

Who was Martin Luther and what did he do?

How did the printing press influence the renaissance?

Describe Henry VIII’s life.

Who was Issac Newton?

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**Unit 4: Age of Exploration**

*Important Terms/People:*

Line of demarcation

Cortez and Pizaro

mercantilism

capitalism

inflation

Conquistadors

circumnavigate

tariff

Middle passage

*Important Questions*

What were the motives for exploration? (3 G’s)

What was the “northwest passage”?

Who was Christopher Coloumbus?

What happened in the Aztec Empire with Cortez and Montezuma?

When the Spanish conquered middle America, the native population fell by what percent?

How did Triangular trade work? What resources did each region have?

What were conditions like on the middle passage?

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**Unit 5 Absolutism and Enlightenment**

*Important Terms/People:*

divine right

Charles V

Phillip II

Louis XIII

Louis XIV

Diderot

Montesquieu

Voltaire

Adam Smith

*Important Questions*

What is Absolutism?

What were the causes of Absolutism?

Who built the palace of Versailles?

What was the enlightenment?

What was Diderot’s major accomplishment?

Montesquieu was a political thinker who advocated for what?

What did Voltaire believe? How did this influence American democracy?

What did Adam Smith believe?

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**Unit 6: Age of Revolutions**

*Important Terms/People:*

Constitution

Mayflower compact

Suffrage

Limited monarchy

Constitutional monarchy

Salutary neglect

Fundamental orders of Connecticut

Maryland toleration act

*Important Questions*

What is a revolution?

What was the glorious revolution?

What was the English Bill of rights? What were the most influential characteristics?

Describe Marie Antoinette.

What were the three estates in France?

What was the estates general and national assembly?   
What were the four causes of the French revolution?

What were the causes of the American revolution?

What is the declaration of independence?

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**Unit 7: Age of Industry**

*Important Terms/People:*

Industrial revolution

Thomas Edison

James Watt

The Wright brothers

Alexander Graham Bell

Laissez-faire

*Important Questions*

What were the causes of the industrial revolution?

How was Henry Bessemer an influential person during the industrial revolution?

How did Henry Ford influence the automotive industry? What is an assembly line?

What were conditions like during the industrial revolution?

Discuss the differences between capitalism and communism. How did Adam Smith influence this argument?

Discuss the positive and negative effects of the industrial revolution.

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**Unit 8 and 9: Imperialism and WWI**

*Important Terms/People:*

Imperialism

Big Stick diplomacy

total war

nationalism

Alliance

Trench Warfare

Militarism

ration

draft

Armistice

propaganda

Axis powers

Allied powers

*Important Questions*

What are the 5 motives for imperialism?

Explain each motive.

How was propaganda used during this time period?

What was the Berlin conference?

What was the “spheres of influence? “

What is the difference between direct and indirect rule?

What were the four causes of WWI? (Explain each)

What were the two Alliance systems?

What was the spark that ignited WWI?

How did advances in technology influence the War?

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**Unit 10: Mid 20th Century: WWII**

*Important Terms/People:*

Holocaust

Third Reich

Appeasement

Totalitarianism

Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Normandy, France

Kellogg Briand Pact

Nazism

*Important Questions*

Who were the four dictators of the Axis powers?

Describe how the U.S. practiced Isolationism.

What is a refugee?

Describe Hitler’s Plan?

What were the Nuremburg Trials?

What was D-Day?

How did Truman justify the dropping of the Atomic Bomb?

What was the Manhattan Project?