Study Guide- Unit 2- Medieval Africa, Asia, and Mesoamerica

Complete the questions on a separate sheet of paper

**Ancient China:**

1. Explain the geography of china. What percentage of China is suitable for farming?
2. What is the name of the river that ancient china began on, how did it get its name?
3. How did China’s geography influence it’s economy and trade?
4. What was china’s society like? (social structure, family, how the treated women, etc)
5. How was china ethnocentric?
6. What were oracle bones and how were they important to their religion?
7. What is a Mandate of heaven? how did it influence china?
8. What are some Chinese achievements? (hint, canals)

**World Religions:**

1. What are the 5 major world religions?
2. Identify each religion’s holy book and founder.
3. Identify which religions have a law or code in which they live by and what it is called. (ex. 5 pillars of Islam)
4. What do Islam, Christianity, and Judaism have in common?
5. In which order were the religions created?

**Africa:**

1. What were some of the natural resources of Ghana?
2. What was Ghana’s culture like?
3. How did Islam spread to Africa?
4. What are some similarities of Nubia and Ancient Egypt?
5. What is another name for Nubia?
6. What were some of Nubia’s natural resources that they traded?
7. Who was the greatest ruler of Mail and why?
8. How did Islam influence Mansa Musu?
9. Who were two great leaders of Songhai?

**Mongols: Northern Asia:**

1. What does it mean to be a pastoralist? Where were the Mongols originally located?
2. Who was the first leader of the Mongols and what was his goal?
3. List reasons why Genghis Khan was a great leader:
4. What were the different territories of the Mongols called?
5. How did the Mongols treat their captured/conquered civilizations and peoples?
6. Who was Genghis grandson and how did he fulfill his dream?
7. Who was Marco Polo?
8. What led to the decline of the Mongols?

**Japan:**

1. Describe the geography and climate of Japan.
2. What was the original religion of Japan? how did Buddhism change the religion when it came to Japan?
3. What characteristics of Chinese culture did Japan borrow?
4. What is feudalism and how did it influence Japan?
5. Who were the samurai?
6. What was the social structure of Japan like?

**Mesoamerica (Mayans and the Aztec) :**

1. Describe the geography of Mesoamerica.
2. What helped the Mayan civilization grow?
3. What important agricultural technique did they create?
4. Were the polytheistic or monotheistic?
5. What was their social structure like?
6. What were some important Achievements of the Mayans?
7. How did the Aztec’s treat conquered people?
8. What was the Aztec’s social structure like?
9. What was the Aztec’s religion?