

WHAP FALL SEMESTER EXAM

STUDY GUIDE

Directions: Use your textbook, reading notes, class notes, and class assignments to study for your semester exam. The guide below is meant to aid your studies. Do not simply define the terms. Be familiar with what they are, where they occurred, when they occurred, and their significance to AP World History. Make connections!

Period I: 6,000 BCE – 600 BCE – Strayer Chapters 1 – 3

- Neolithic/Agricultural Revolution
 - Major technological innovations: pottery making, metallurgy, etc.
 - Social & cultural effects of agriculture
- Early Societies: Think about SPICE categories!
 - Pastoral
 - Agricultural Villages
 - Hunter/Gatherers
- Kinship groups
- Chiefdoms
- Patriarchy: What is it? How did it effect early civilizations? How did it continue into periods 2 & 3?
- Trade in early civilizations: Specific examples – who traded? What was traded? Where was it traded?
- Mesopotamia
 - SPICE
 - Trade – What? Who?
 - Hammurabi's Code – What? Effects? How did social hierarchy decide treatment?
 - Assyrians – Who were they?
- Indus Valley Civilization
 - SPICE
 - Trade – What? Who?
 - Irrigation & other technological advancements
- Egypt
 - SPICE
- China
 - SPICE
 - Major dynasties
- Americas
 - SPICE
 - How did its development differ from early Eurasian civilizations?
 - Olmec
 - Norte Chico
 - How did these early civilizations affect later civilizations in the region?

Period II: 600 BCE – 600 CE – Strayer Chapters 4 – 7

- Second-wave civilizations
- China
 - SPICE
 - Major dynasties
 - Great Wall – Why was it built?
 - Han Dynasty – Major achievements? SPICE? How did it compare to Rome?
 - What caused the Han dynasty to fall?
 - Xiongnu
 - Philosophical traditions
 - Confucianism
 - Social effects
 - Lasting legacies
 - What are the major beliefs?
 - Effects on China?
 - Daoism
 - What are the major beliefs?
 - Effects on China?
 - Legalism
 - What are the major beliefs?
 - Effects on China?
- Greece
 - SPICE
 - Athens – government, social practices
 - Sparta – government, social practices
 - Philosophers
 - How did Greek learning survive the fall of Rome?
- Rome
 - SPICE
 - Major achievements
 - Lasting legacy
 - Roman religious practices
 - What caused Rome to fall?
 - How did it compare to Han dynasty China?
- India
 - Caste System – What was it? How was it supported (think religion)?
- Americas
 - Mound Builders
 - Andean civilizations
 - Chaco canyon civilization
 - Mesoamerica
 - Mayan
 - How was the empire organized? Which Eurasian ancient civilization did it most resemble?
 - What caused the Mayan Empire to fall?
 - Corn
- Africa
 - Trans-Saharan trade routes
 - Kingdom of Mali – What did they trade? Major accomplishments?
- Slavery in the Classical World – Compare between different regions. How did it evolve/change?
- What is secularism? Find examples within classical civilizations.

- Compare Buddhism & Christianity
 - Think about social effects, cultural effects, appeal to different classes & genders
- Major religions
 - Judaism – Founder, major beliefs, significance, location
 - Hinduism – Major beliefs, significance, location
 - Christianity – Founder, major beliefs, social effects, location & spread
 - Buddhism – Founder, major beliefs, social effects, location & spread
 - Islam – Founder, major beliefs, social effects, location & spread

Period III: 600 – 1450 – Strayer Chapters 8 – 13

- Mongol Empire
 - How far did it spread? How did they expand their empire?
 - Major historical figures
 - Major accomplishments/lasting legacies
 - How did the Mongols handle different religions & conquered peoples? Why?
 - Compare pastoral societies to sedentary.
 - Role in Russia – Kievan Rus
 - Effects on trade
 - Tribute System
- Trade Networks
 - What were the major trade networks at this time? Where were they located? What was traded?
 - Silk Roads
- Europe
 - Decentralized political structure – What happened after the fall of the Roman Empire?
 - Role of the Church – Roman Catholic Church
 - Great Schism – Causes & effects
 - Serfdom
 - SPICE
- Byzantine Empire
 - Caesaropapism
 - Eastern Orthodox Christianity
 - Great Schism – Causes & effects
 - SPICE
- China
 - Tang dynasty
 - Song dynasty
 - Effects on women
 - “Golden Age” – What does this mean? Give examples.
 - Neo-Confucianism
 - Yuan dynasty
 - Ming dynasty
 - SPICE
 - Tribute System
- Jesus Sutras
- Islamic beliefs
 - How do they relate to Judaism & Christianity?
 - Muhammad
 - Membership – How were members of the Islamic community treated by one another?

- Spread of Islam – Where did it spread? How did it spread?
- Compare with Buddhism & Christianity
- Sunni & Shia split – Causes? Effects?
- Islamic Green Revolution
- Technological developments – math, science
 - How did diffusion effect Muslim scholarship & learning?
- Americas
 - Aztec Empire
 - Location
 - Major achievements
 - SPICE
 - Tributary states – How did the Aztec interact with them?
 - Incan Empire
 - Location
 - Major achievements
 - SPICE
 - Comparing the Aztec & Inca

Suggested Study Resources

- Crash Course World History YouTube playlist
- Strayer website
 - Chapter outlines
 - Big picture questions
 - Margin questions
 - Self-Tests
 - Vocabulary & significance
- Your textbook & reading notes!
- Class assignments
- Class notes
- Your teacher's tutorials & website