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## AP World History Semester 1 Benchmark Exam Study Guide

EXAM DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS STUDY GUIDE IS DUE THE DAY OF YOUR EXAM.** The exam will cover all material up until this point. This includes all in-class notes and reading notes for chapters 1-5. The exam will have four parts: multiple-choice, vocabulary matching, map matching, and a FRQ essay. See <http://mrbilbrey.com> for notes and maps.

What world religion has the most followers?

What world religion is the oldest? Youngest?

Which world religions are monotheistic? Polytheistic?

What three world religions began in the Middle East? What else do they have in common?

Who were the founders of the five major world religions (Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism)?

What transformation was most responsible for moving humans toward civilization?

What three periods make up the Stone Age?

What is a hunter-gatherer?

What is one reason population growth was slow during the Paleolithic Age?

What is culture? What does it do?

What is one defining characteristic of the Mesolithic Age?

What is the Neolithic Revolution?

What does it mean to domesticate an animal?

What is slash-and-burn agriculture?

What is the name of one of the earliest permanent settlements ever discovered?

Why do historians consider the cities of the Indus River Valley to be somewhat more sophisticated than cities in other early civilizations?

What are the three dynasties of classical China, in chronological order?

What is feudalism?

How was the time of the Qin dynasty an innovative, yet tightly controlled, period in history?

What was the Han dynasty known for in Classical China?

List and describe the three major belief systems of Classical China.

How did the political cultures of classical India and China differ?

How were merchants treated in classical India, compared to classical China?

Describe the five social classes of the Indian caste system (in order of high status to low status).

Compare and contrast the economies of the Classical civilizations of China, India, Greece, and Rome.

Describe the political structures and organization of Classical Greece.

Who were citizens in ancient Athens?

How was the Roman Republic organized? (Politics, social life, religion, etc.)

What role did Julius Caesar play in the development of the Roman Empire?

What was religious life like in the Classical Mediterranean World prior to Christianity?

How did Christianity affect the Roman Empire?

Why did Christianity spread so quickly throughout the Roman Empire?

What led to the collapse of the Roman Empire?

What major factors led to the decline of Classical China and India?

How did the major Classical religions (Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Daoism) change/develop during the later years of the Classical Era?

Describe the developments in societies outside of the Big Three Classical civilizations (China, India, Mediterranean).

**GEOGRAPHY** – Be able to locate the following locations on the world map.

The seven continents

Iraq

Thailand

The five oceans

Japan

Turkmenistan

Afghanistan

Laos

United Kingdom

Arabian Sea

Malaysia

United States of America

Bay of Bengal

Mongolia

Uzbekistan

Burma (Myanmar)

Mexico

Vietnam

Canada

North Korea

Yellow Sea

China

Pakistan

Egypt

Persian Gulf

France

Philippines

India

Russia

Indian Ocean

Saudi Arabia

Indonesia

Sea of Japan

Iran

South Korea

