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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:

- World Religions
- Early Human History
- Early Civilizations
- Ancient China
- Ancient India
- Ancient Mediterranean World

You should study the above notes, including vocabulary terms and geography locations. See <http://mrbilbrey.com> for notes and maps.

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

The seven continents	Indonesia	Russia
The five oceans	Iran	Saudi Arabia
Afghanistan	Iraq	Sea of Japan
Arabian Sea	Japan	South Korea
Bay of Bengal	Laos	Thailand
Burma (Myanmar)	Malaysia	Turkmenistan
Canada	Mongolia	United Kingdom
China	Mexico	United States of America
Egypt	North Korea	Uzbekistan
France	Pakistan	Vietnam
India	Persian Gulf	Yellow Sea
Indian Ocean	Philippines	

WORLD RELIGIONS

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?

Who founded each of the six major world religions?

EARLY HUMAN HISTORY

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 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?

EARLY CIVILIZATIONS

What are the essential characteristics of civilization?

What river(s) did Mesopotamia develop around?

What are city-states?

What is Hammurabi known for?

What river(s) did ancient Egypt develop around?

What is a pharaoh?

What type of government did ancient Egypt have?

Why do we not know that much about the Indus River Valley civilization?

Why did the civilization along the Huanghe (Yellow) River valley develop independently of other civilizations?

Describe at least one thing that made the Huanghe River valley civilization so unique.

ANCIENT CHINA

Who was Shi Huangdi? What is he known for?

Who was Confucius? What are some of his main ideas/philosophy?

What is Legalism?

What is Daoism?

What did each of the three Classical Chinese dynasties (Zhou, Qin, Han) do to help unite the Chinese people under a single government?

ANCIENT INDIA

What are the two main dynasties associated with Classical India? How did they begin?

What is the caste system? How did it affect Indian society?

How were the economies of Ancient India and Ancient China similar? How were they different?

ANCIENT PERSIA

How did the Persian Empire organize itself? How was this beneficial to its people?

What was the Royal Road? What were the benefits of this road?

ANCIENT GREECE

Name and describe the most commonly found types of government in Ancient Greece

What type of government did the city-state of Athens promote?

Who were citizens in ancient Athens?

Describe the government of Sparta.

What were the Peloponnesian Wars?

Who was Alexander the Great, and why was he important?

ANCIENT ROME

What are the two phases of Roman history? How are they different?

Describe the political structure of the Roman Republic.

What was the original purpose of the Roman Republic?

What was Julius Caesar known for?

Who was Augustus?

What does *Pax Romana* mean? Why is this term important?

Why did Christianity spread so easily throughout the Mediterranean area?

What was the original reaction by the Roman government?

When/how did Christianity become the official religion of the Roman Empire?

