FALL SEMESTER EXAM STUDY GUIDE

WORLD HISTORY – Coach Liedberg

The semester exam will cover ALL material from the first semester. Review ALL vocabulary, maps, notes, readings, and other associated handouts. **COMPLETE THESE QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER FOR CREDIT.**

**ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS**

1. Who were the Harappans and what was their major contribution to society?
2. Describe the geography of the early civilizations of the Mesopotamia/Sumer, Egypt, India, and China. What do they have in common? How are they different?
3. What were the writing forms used in ancient civilizations, and what were their purpose?
4. How is the Nile River different than the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers?
5. What is Hammurabi’s Code? Why is it significant?
6. Who created the first alphabet?
7. Describe Confucianism.
8. Describe Legalism.
9. Describe Daoism.
10. Who was Ashoka? How did he impact the spread of Buddhism?
11. Why did the ancient civilizations settle in river valleys?
12. How are the ancient civilizations different from one another?
13. What were the accomplishments of the Gupta dynasty?
14. What is the Mandate of Heaven?
15. What are the differences between monotheism and polytheism?
16. What is cultural diffusion?
17. What were the Silk Roads and why were they important?
18. What is caste, dharma, karma, & reincarnation?
19. What are the major belief systems in Buddhism, and Hinduism?
20. What is the Eight Fold Path and the Four Noble Truths?
21. What were the contributions of the Han dynasty, and what led to its fall?
22. What was the purpose of the caste system?
23. What is the major similarity between Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.
24. How did China’s geography affect its development?
25. What caused the Persian Wars and who won?

**ANCIENT GREECE**

1. How did Greece’s geography impact its development?
2. Compare and contrast Athens and Sparta. What were their contributions?
3. Who wrote “The Republic”? What was it about?
4. Who was Alexander the Great? How did he promote cultural diffusion?
5. What is a democracy?
6. What is an aristocracy?
7. What is an oligarchy?

**ANCIENT ROME**

1. Who were the patricians? The plebeians?
2. How was the Roman Republic structured politically?
3. Who was Julius Caesar? What is a triumvirate?
4. Who was Augustus and what were his achievements?
5. Why was Christianity appealing to many people?
6. Compare the Twelve Tables to Justinian’s Code.
7. What was the Pax Romana?
8. What were the causes and results of the fall of the Roman Empire?
9. What were the contributions of the Roman Empire?

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

1. What was the Great Schism of 1054? Why did it occur?
2. What is the difference between the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Church?
3. What is iconoclasm?
4. What is Justinian’s Code? Why is it significant?
5. How was the Byzantine Empire different than the Western Roman Empire?
6. What were Justinian’s achievements?

**MONGOLS**

1. Who was Genghis Khan?
2. Who was Kublai Khan?

**AFRICAN TRADE STATES**

1. Why were the kingdoms of Ghana, Mali and Songhay successful?
2. Who was Mansa Musa?

**ISLAM**

1. Who was Muhammad?
2. What are the 5 Pillars of Faith?
3. Why was there an Islamic Schism?
4. What did the Shia believe?
5. What did the Sunnis believe?

**MIDDLE AGES**

1. What is feudalism?
2. What is a fief? What is a manor?
3. How did the fall of the Roman Empire lead to the Middle Ages?
4. What is the Magna Carta? Why is it significant?
5. In terms of where people lived, how were the Middle Ages different from the Roman Empire?
6. Describe Charlemagne’s achievements.
7. What was the most important thing in Medieval life?
8. What were the Crusades?
9. What were the results of the Crusades?
10. What was a major effect of the Bubonic Plague?

**RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION**

1. What was the significance of the printing press?
2. What does Renaissance mean?
3. Why did the Renaissance start in Italy?
4. What is “The Prince” by Machiavelli about?
5. What is a Renaissance Man? Provide an example.
6. Who were the major figures of the Protestant Reformation and what did they do? (Luther, Henry VIII, John Calvin, John Knox)
7. What did Martin Luther write about in his 95 Theses?
8. What was the result of the Council of Trent?
9. What was humanism?
10. Be able to identity artwork completed by Michelangelo and da’Vinci
11. What was King Henry VIII’s Act of Supremacy? How does it relate to the Protestant Reformation?

**AGE OF EXPLORATION**

1. What were 3 main reasons the Age of Exploration began?
2. Who were the 1st two European countries to start Exploration and why?
3. What was the importance of the Treaty of Tordesillas?
4. Who are conquistadors?
5. How did the Aztecs, Mayans and Incas adapt to their environment?
6. What is terraced farming?
7. What is the Colombian Exchange? What new foods were introduced to Europe? What new foods were introduced to Americas?
8. Why did Europeans need to develop the African Slave trade?