Review for Midterm 2019-2020

MIDTERM IS FRIDAY MARCH 6th

IT WILL COUNT AS TWO TEST GRADES

**Early Humans:**

* **History is the study of the past**
* **Culture is the knowledge, beliefs, customs, and values of a group of people.**
* **Archaeologists study the past based upon what is left behind.**
  + **Objects leave clues to how people lived.**
* **Fossil is an imprint of something that once lived.**
* **Primary source is an account of an event created by someone who took part in or witnessed the event**
* **Secondary source is information gathered by someone who did not take part in or witness the event.**
* **Landforms are natural features of the land’s surface**
* **Climate is the pattern of weather in a certain period of area over a long period of time.**
* **Hominid is an early ancestor of humans**
* **An ancestor is a relative who lived in the past**
* **Paleolithic era is the first part of the stone age**
* **People migrated out of Africa using land bridges or strips of land connecting two continents**
* **Mesolithic Era is the Middle Stone Age**
* **Neolithic Age is the New Stone age**

**Ancient Mesopotamia**

* **Mesopotamia is known as the land between two rivers because of its location between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers**
* **Crops grew well in Mesopotamia because the farmland was fertile and water was nearby.**
* **Mesopotamians used irrigation to bring water to an area of land.**
  + **They dug canals or man-made waterways.**
* **People settled where crops would grow, the population grew villages and cities began to form.**
* **Cities began to grow and walls were built to protect the inhabitants of the city-state from an attack.**
* **Sumerians were polytheistic and worshipped many gods.**
  + **They believed their gods had to be worshipped and pleased.**
  + **Sumerian priests interpreted the wishes of the gods and made offerings to them.**
* **Sumerians developed a writing system called cuneiform which was a form of picture writing using wedge shaped symbols.**
* **King Hammurabi and King Nebuchadnezzar ruled Babylon**
  + **Hammurabi had his code of laws**
  + **Nebuchadnezzar rebuilt Babylon to include the hanging gardens, to please his wife.**
* **Rule of Mesopotamia**
  + **Babylonians: Ruled by King Hammurabi and his code of laws**
  + **The Hittites and Kassites: ruled after**
    - **Hittites: master ironworking and use the chariot**
    - **Assyrians used iron weapons and chariots like the Hittites**
    - **Phoenicians used trade to grow more powerful.**
      * **Cedar wood was there best Trade item**

**Ancient Egypt**

* **The Nile River flows through two important regions in Egypt called upper and Lower Egypt.**
* **The Nile river was well suited for settlement because it had areas for farming**
* **Egypt was ruled by dynasties or a series of rulers from the same family.**
* **The first pharaoh wore a double crown to symbolize the unification of Upper and Lower Egypt.**
* **The Pharaoh had absolute power because they were viewed as a god.** 
  + **Pharaoh would be blamed if crops did not grow**
* **Pyramids were built as royal tombs**
* **A dynasty is a series of rulers from the same family**
* **Egyptian religion had a huge belief in the afterlife.**

**Ancient India**

* **India is known as a subcontinent which is a large landmass smaller than a continent.**
* **India is separated from the rest of Asia by the Himalayas**
* **India’s climate is dominated by monsoons. Seasonal wind patterns that occur in a regular pattern**
* **The Indus River valley became ideal for farming, due to the melting snow in the Himalayas melting and flooding the Indus River leaving behind silt.**
* **Aryan people abandoned their nomadic lifestyle, because they began to farm.**
* **They set up the Caste system in Ancient India which had very strict rules.**
  + **Brahmins-priests**
  + **Kshatryias were rulers and warriors**
  + **Vaisyas – farmers and traders**
  + **Sudras- workers and servants**
* **Hindu beliefs say that good or bad actions have on a person’s soul, will decide how you are reborn.**
* **Siddhartha Gautama founder of Buddhism wanted to find ways to eliminate human suffering.**
* **The guiding principles of Buddhism are the four noble truths**
* **Siddhartha Gautama left home at age 30 to find answers to his questions about human life**
* **Siddhartha gained insight into human suffering after meditating under a tree**
* **Buddhism was against the caste system**
* **Theravada Buddhists follow the teachings exactly**
* **Mahayana Buddhists interpret the Buddha’s teachings to help reach nirvana.**