

Global Studies 9 Review Guide for Exam #1, 2006-2007

Review Class: 9A on Thursday the 28th, 9H Wednesday the 27th
Exam date: 9A on Friday the 29th, 9H on Thursday the 28th

Topics on the Exam: Chapters 1 section 2, section 3; chapter 2 section 2; chapter 3 sections 1 and 2; Judaism

1. The vast majority of the time that humans have existed was spent in a hunter-gathering existence during a time period called the Paleolithic. Describe the following characteristics of this lifestyle: providing food and shelter; belief system; technology. [3 tasks]
2. During the Neolithic, there was a revolution in human culture in some parts of the world. The first civilizations emerge at this time. Explain the conditions that led to the emergence of the earliest civilizations. Using Sumer / Babylonia as an example, describe the following features of early river civilizations: providing food and shelter, social class & leadership, belief system, technology (may include writing), specialization of labor. [6 tasks]
3. The oldest written myth known in the world is the Sumerian *Epic of Gilgamesh*, some of which was presented in class this month. Select a portion of this myth and explain how it carries out one of the four functions of myth identified by Joseph Campbell. [1 task]
4. Once civilizations had become established, some peoples made their wealth and attained power through trade. Describe how the Aramaeans and Phoenicians attained wealth and power through trade. [2 tasks]
5. **Cultural diffusion** is an important term associated with Social Studies. Explain what it means and then give an example of cultural diffusion happening from one of the cultures we have studied. [2 tasks]
6. The Jews have left a lasting impact on world history for many reasons. They relate their origins and establish their identity as a people in an ethnohistory book called the *Torah* (also the first 5 books of the Christian scripture). Tell about any portion of the story of their early struggles and the impact of other civilizations had on them. [2 tasks]
7. The religion of Judaism is still alive and well in the world. Explain two of the fundamental beliefs of Jews. Then contrast one feature of Judaism with another religion with which you are familiar. [2 tasks]