

Assignment One: _____

Read Unit Introduction: pp. 156-157 and Chapter 7, pp. 159-168

DO CORNELL NOTES.

1. How was Cyrus able to conquer such a large territory?
2. What were the challenges to governing the Achaemenid Empire?
3. Describe the infrastructure and administrative policies of the Achaemenid government.
4. How was the approach to governing of Cyrus and Darius differ from the policies of Xerxes? What impact did this have on the empire?
5. Describe the interaction between the Persians and the Greeks.
6. In what ways did Alexander of Macedon both destroy and preserve elements of the Achaemenid Empire?

Assignment Two: _____

Read Chapter 8, pp. 181-189 and Source Handouts

DO SUBHEADING NOTES on Text Only.

1. Explain what was happening in China during the late centuries of the Zhou Dynasty? How does this explain the cultural creativity of this era?
2. What are the characteristics and fundamental ideas and values of Confucianism? Make sure your answer is very thorough.
3. What are the characteristics and fundamental ideas and values of Daoism? Make sure your answer is very thorough.
4. What are the characteristics and fundamental ideas and values of Legalism? Make sure your answer is very thorough.
5. How did Legalism help bring an end to the Period of the Warring States?

Assignment Three: _____

Read Chapter 8, pp. 189-197

1. Explain the significance of Qin Shihuangdi.
2. Why was there resistance to his rule?
3. How did he enhance unity in China?
4. Describe the early Han governmental organization under Liu Bang.
5. List the important accomplishments and contributions of Han Wudi.
6. Why did the Xiongnu pose such a challenge to the Han Dynasty?

Assignment Four: _____

Read Chapter 9, pp. 207-217

1. What role did Alexander of Macedon play in the eventual unification of India?
2. Describe the government of Chandragupta Maurya.
3. Why did the high point of the Mauryan Dynasty come under the rule of Ashoka? Describe his policies and their effects.
4. What happened in India following the collapse of Mauryan rule?
5. How did the Gupta administration differ from the Mauryan?
6. Explain the social order that existed in India. What role did guilds play?

Assignment Five: _____

Read Chapter 9, pp. 219-228

1. Who was Siddhartha Gautama and how did he come to be the Buddha?
2. Explain the fundamental doctrine of Buddhism.
3. How did the Buddha believe one could reach salvation?
4. Why was Buddhism appealing?
5. Describe the role of Ashoka in spreading Buddhism.
6. What developments in Hinduism emerged during this period?
7. Explain the meaning and significance of the story about Krishna and Arjuna on the battlefield.

Assignment Six: _____

Read Chapter 10, pp. 231-240, 249-252

1. Describe the important characteristics of Spartan political and social organization.
2. Describe the important characteristics of Athenian political and social organization.
3. What were the motives for Greek colonization?
4. List important details of the Persian Wars.
5. Explain the causes and effects of the Peloponnesian War.
6. Describe the philosophical beliefs of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Make sure you are very thorough.

Assignment Seven: _____

Read Handout on Alexander the Great

Everyone should answer the questions instead of taking notes on this reading.

1. Why do you think Alexander was such a great leader?
2. How do you explain Alexander's success as a conqueror in such a short period of time?
3. Explain Alexander's reception in Egypt.
4. Why was the Battle of Gaugamela so important?
5. What troubles did Alexander and his army face in India?
6. Describe the break-up of Alexander's empire following his death.
7. What was the lasting legacy of the empire of Alexander? Be sure to include Hellenistic in your answer.

Assignment Eight: _____

Read Chapter 11, pp. 262-271

1. Describe the political organization of the Roman Republic.
2. Describe the Roman policy toward conquered peoples.
3. What were the causes and effects of the Punic Wars?
4. Describe the transition from republic to empire in the first century CE from the Civil War through Augustus. Make sure to be thorough.
5. How did the Romans promote greater integration?

Assignment Nine: _____

Read Chapter 11, pp. 271-283

1. Describe the role of agriculture in economic development and urbanization.
2. Explain the significance of Stoicism in Roman history.
3. Explain the tensions between the Jewish community and the Roman Imperial authority.
4. How did Jesus' message threaten the Roman administration? How did they respond?
5. What was the appeal of the early Christian teachings? What sorts of people were most attracted to it?

Assignment Ten: _____

Read Chapter 12, pp. 287-294

1. What developments in the classical era helped reduce the risks inherent in long-distance trade?
2. How did the trade networks for the Hellenistic era help set the stage for the silk roads?
3. In general, what goods from what regions were traded along the silk roads?

Assignment Eleven: _____

Read Chapter 12, pp. 302-310

1. What were the causes of the collapse of the Han Dynasty?
2. What cultural changes occurred in China following this collapse?
3. What were some of the main causes of the decay and "fall" of the western Roman Empire?
4. What attempts were made to try to fix the problems?
5. What were the accomplishments of Emperor Constantine.
6. How did Europe's culture change during the late Roman Empire?