

EARLY CIVILIZATIONS STUDY GUIDE (Ch 1.1, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 3.4, 4.2, 4.3)

Terms to Know:

5 Characteristics of a Civilization	Specialization	Artisans
Scribes	Cuneiform	Ziggurat
Barter	Fertile Crescent	Mesopotamia
Tigris & Euphrates		City-States
Dynasty	Cultural Diffusion	Polytheism
<i>Epic of Gilgamesh</i>		
Babylonian Empire	Hammurabi	Hammurabi's Code
Egypt	Nile	Pharaohs
Theocracy	Pyramid	Hieroglyphics
Papyrus	Indus & Ganges	China
Yellow & Yangtze	Oracle Bones	Dynastic Cycle
Primary/Secondary Sources	B.C., A.D., B.C.E., C.E.	Humanities
Monotheism	Mandate of Heaven	Agricultural Revolution
	Kingdom	
Guns, Germs, and Steel	Hunter-Gatherer	
Caste System		
	Bronze Age	
	Babylonian Captivity	

Key Concepts:

- ❖ Explain the five (5) characteristics of a civilization.
- ❖ Describe the similarities and differences between the four river valley civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Indus Valley and China.
- ❖ Explain the significance of belief systems and the similarities and differences among the various belief systems of early civilizations.
- ❖ Why are writing systems important characteristics of civilizations? Be sure to support your answer with specific examples from the civilizations discussed in this unit.
- ❖ Explain the evolution of civilizations (later empires) within Mesopotamia and their contributions and advancements.
- ❖ Explain the arguments made by Jared Diamond in *Guns, Germs and Steel*.