

Period 1 & 2 - Unit Overview

Period 1 - Technological and Environmental Transformations *to c. 600 B.C.E.*

Period 2 - Organization and Reorganization of Human Societies *c. 600 BCE to c. 600 CE*

Key “Nouns”

Paleolithic Period	Buddha
Hunting-gathering Societies	Confucius
Neolithic Revolution	Emperor Constantine
Mesopotamia	Greco-Roman Philosophy
Egypt	Osiris and Isis
Mohenjo-Daro/Harappa	Filial piety
legal codes	Shamanism
Lex Talionis	Ancestor veneration
Hebrew monotheism/Judaism	Persian Empire
Zoroastrianism	Qanats
Hebrew Scriptures	Qin Empire
Jewish diasporic communities	Han Empire
Sanskrit scriptures	Mauryan Empire
Hinduism	Guptan Empire
Vedic religion	Phoenicia
Brahmins	Greek City-States
Brahman	Hellenistic Empires
Buddhism	Roman Empire
Ashoka	Silk Roads
Confucianism	Bactria
Daoism	Trans-Saharan caravan routes
Christianity	Indian Ocean sea lanes
Jesus of Nazareth	Mediterranean sea lanes
	Monsoon winds

Key Concepts

1.1: Big Geography and the Peopling of the Earth

- Paleolithic migrations lead to the spread of technology and culture

1.2: The Neolithic Revolution and Early Agricultural Societies

- Neolithic Revolution leads to new and more complex economic and social systems
- Agriculture and pastoralism begins to transform human society

1.3: The Development and Interactions of Early Agricultural, Pastoral, and Urban Societies

- Location of early foundational civilizations
- State development and expansion
- Cultural development in the early civilizations

2.1: The Development and Codification of Religious and Cultural Traditions.

- Further developments of existing religions
- New belief systems emerge

2.2: The Development of States and Empires

- The number and size of key states and empires grew dramatically
- New techniques of imperial administration
- decline collapse and transformation of empires

2.3: Emergence of Transregional Networks of Communication and Exchange.

- land and water routes of trade and communication
- exchange of people, technology, disease, beliefs, crops, etc along these routes

Vocabulary

aristocracy	dharma	merchants	republic
bureaucracy	diffusion	missionaries	rituals
caste system	domesticated	monarchy	scriptures
city-state	dynastic cycle	monasticism	secular
civilizations	egalitarian	nomadic	slavery
codification	irrigation systems	pagan	social mobility
cultivation	ideology	pastoral/ pastoralism	specialization of labor
deity	Karma	patriarchal	syncretism
democracy	Mandate of Heaven	reincarnation	textiles

Unit Goals

Personal Goals

My personal goals in economics this unit are:

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Reflection on This Unit – Did you accomplish your own personal goals? Why or why not?