Unit 1 Review Guide

**Cultural Diffusion: Cultures share and absorb customs, ideas and beliefs from other cultures**

Think how we have so many different types of food choices in America

Basics

Paleolithic Era: Humans are nomadic hunter-gathers who moved constantly to find food sources

**Neolithic Revolution: People settle and grow food instead of living as Nomads**

* Early civilization formed around River Valleys

Egypt= Nile River

Mesopotamia= Tigris & Euphrates

India= Indus & Ganges Rivers

China= Yellow & Yangtze Rivers

Rivers flooded annually. Being able to control the flooding leads to better use of the land & better crops

Who/what would have organized these efforts? .

Mesopotamia

* Fertile Crescent: excellent growing conditions verses the area its surrounded by.

Cultures who flourished around this area

Sumerians:

* **Cuneiform**- the first written language ***( this being created ends Pre History)***
* **Ziggurats- A** large structure created through understanding Geometry

Assyrians: A bullied kid who becomes a bully themselves

Babylonians: Hammurabi

* Hammurabi’s Code: The very first time someone wrote laws down

Law code was unbalanced towards the different social classes

Persians

* Built a large empire ,but were nice to the people the conquered
* Persian Royal Road: helped people communicate across their huge empire

Phoenicians: Sailors & Sea Traders

* Created the first Alphabet
* Laws for ships at sea (maritime laws)

Roads are for making…

* Communication faster
* Trade easier
* Armies to deploy quicker

Examples: Persian Royal Road (for communication) The Silk Road (trade)

Egypt:

* Wrote in Hieroglyphics (pictures)

Modern people could not read hieroglyphics until the **Rosetta Stone** was found

* Ruled by the Pharaoh, who believed he was a god

India

* Lead by local leaders called **Rajas**
* Hinduism inspired by the Vedas (sacred texts)
* Caste System: based on the belief you are born into your situation due to Karma
* Birthplace of Hinduism & Buddhism

China

* Silk Road- connected China to Europe
* Chinese writing system

Geography

Can Provide Protection or Cause Conflict

India & China were kept safe because of Mountains & Plateaus

But….Mesopotamia was wide open and allowed for a lot of conflict/wars

Government

**Dynasty: A family who rules a country. The father passes leadership to his son and onward**

Example: Pharaoh in Egypt, Persian Emperors, Chinese Emperors

King Tut became Pharaoh because his father had been Pharoah

***For Types of Government Look At The Paper I Gave You..***

Modern Day= Governors

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| Persia | **Satraps** |
| India/ Indus | **Rajas** |

Religion

Polytheism (many gods) vs. Monotheism (one God)]

Judaism:

Covenant for the land of Canaan

* Founded by Abraham
* Holy Book: the Torah

Islam:

* 5 Pillars
* Quran (only best read in original Arabic)
* Founded by Muhammad

Hinduism:

* No single founder
* Dharma- duty to achieve oneness with the creator force
* Life Cycle Birth (Brahma), Life (Vishnu), Death (Siva)- Reincarnation/Samsara
* Your next form/life is decided on by your Karma

Buddhism

* Founded by Sidartha Gautauma
* 4 Nobles Truths = Life is full of suffering, due to our material desires
* Follow the 8 Fold Path to reach Nirvana (free of suffering)

Law & Order

Code of Hammurabi: *1st written law code*

Draco Code: *Beginnings of Democracy*

Twelve Tables of Rome: Everyone equal under the law

Justinian Code: *Simplified laws for easy understanding*

*Your Part- List Things 3-4 things all these societies have in common*

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