

World History 1/2 Semester Final Study Guide

This guide is exactly that, a guide. Every term listed will be used in some capacity on the quiz, and sometimes more than once. Focus on causes and effects, change over time, and comparisons for each term to create a well-rounded idea for each.

Unit 1 – Modern Socio Economic Issues (Themes: Understanding Diversity and Discrimination in Society)

Vocabulary terms

Gender gaps within societies

Modern Issues stemming from historical development

Unit 2 – Historical Foundations (Themes: Agricultural Shift, Development of large scale societies)

Jared Diamond's arguments in Guns, Germs, and Steel

Is farming an improvement over foraging?

Characteristics of hunter-gatherer societies

Reasons for human community building

Geographic needs for large scale societies to form

Unit 3 – Expansion and Interaction of Societies (Themes: Trade and Commerce, Spread of Belief Systems)

Understand the 6 Traits of Civilization

Importance of the Monsoon Winds

Genghis Khan and the Mongol Conquests (Positives and Negatives, Effects on areas they conquered)

Commerce and Trade along the Silk Road (goods, ideas, belief systems etc.)

Development and Importance of Cities (i.e. Constantinople, Rome, Chang'an, Timbuktu)

Success of Indian Ocean trade and parties involved (i.e. Arabs, Chinese, Malay, Srivijaya)

Causes and Consequences of the Black Death

Rise and fall of Empires (i.e. Rome, Han China, Gupta India, Inca)

Unit 4 – Development of Human Belief Systems (Themes: Spread of Belief Systems, Formation of Religious boundaries) **You may want to contact your fellow classmates who presented the information you need**

Understand the appeal of Christianity throughout the Roman world

Understand why Buddhism and Daoism spread within China

Missionaries, their message, and how they traveled into new lands

The splits within both Christianity and Islam

Know the impact of the Crusades

Development of monotheistic religions

Confucianism and its acceptance within Chinese government

Shift from polytheism to monotheism

First monotheistic religion

Importance of Myths

Unit 5 – The Rise of Europe and the Age of Exploration (Themes: Expansion of Trade and Commerce to include Americas, Power shift in Eurasian Continent)

Core vs. Peripheral Societies

Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation

Motives for Exploration

Importance of Printing Press

Contact with Americas and clashing of cultures

Reasons for decimation of native populations