

## Chapter 5: The Classical Period: Directions, Diversities, and Declines by 500 C.E.

### Short Answer Questions

Answer the following short answer questions based on the reading in the space provided.

1. What are the basic themes of the great classical civilizations? How were these themes maintained and what brought about the end of these two themes of the classical world?
2. What kingdoms rose in Africa? Where did they rise and what was their involvement with the empires of the day?
3. (109) What other groups played roles as intermediaries between civilizations in early global history? What agents of transmission have taken the place of nomadic peoples in recent centuries? Why have the avenues of exchange they provided been open only for limited time spans and then blocked for years or decades at a time?
4. Who were the Olmecs and what legacies did they leave for the future Central American civilizations? What other civilizations arose and where? Page number(s)
5. What development occurred with the Polynesian peoples? What is the global impact of this development during the classical era?
6. How did China evolve during the classical period? What features remained?

7. How did the Gupta Empire decline? How did that impact the culture?

8. What brought about the decline of Rome (politically, economically, and socially)? Did Rome fall?

9. What are the roots to the Byzantine Empire? Why did it not fall with Rome? How was it similar and different to Rome? How far did the Byzantine Empire extend? Who controlled the other area of the Middle East?

10. How did Hinduism and Buddhism evolve? What teachings of Buddhism were created in this time period and how did they differ? How did Buddhism view women?

11. How did Christianity develop and evolve as it spread throughout the world?