

Study Guide for Common Assessment #4 from Chapters 1 and 4

Chapter 1

1. How did the city of Constantinople grow rich?

trade, because of its location on the Bosphorus Strait it was a natural crossroads for trade. It connected two continents Europe and Asia and two bodies of water Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Marmara

2. Why did people find the Islam religion so attractive?

promised a new way of life compared to the harsh oppressive rulers of nearby empires Byzantine and Persian.

3. How did Islam spread so far, so fast?

merchants took the religion with them as they traveled along the trade routes
Muhammad united the Arab community

4. What does Islam, and the Jewish and Christian religions all believe in?

belief in one God, each had their own holy book, they believed in the same prophets

5. Scholars see Islam's golden age as?

one of the most brilliant in history

6. Why did the Byzantine Empire last so long?

Trade natural crossroads of trade, strong weapons and army, and it had good rulers/leaders

7. The Code of Justinian stated?

the laws clearly and explained the meaning of the laws

8. Islam treated Jews and Christians with respect but made them?

pay a special tax called the jizyah

9. Muslims believe in _____ God

one God called Allah

10. Muslims pray _____

5 times a day, kneel and face Mecca

11. Islam had two different groups because of a schism They are?

Sunnis - larger group, any religious muslim can lead

Shiites - smaller group, direct descendent of Muhammad leads

12. Harun ar-Rashid was a supporter of the _____

Arts

13. Muslims especially liked a certain kind of writing?

Poetry

14. Why did the emperors of the Byzantine have such great power?

They were thought to be representatives of gods on earth

15. What effect did tolerance have during Islam's Golden age?

Without tolerance there would not have been a golden age. The Jews and Christians were able to help create Islam's Golden age. Jews and Christians made many achievements in math, science, and literature.

Chapter 4

1. Explain China's Merit System

people were hired based on their abilities and not by their status or wealth

2. What geographical feature protected Japan from invasion?

The sea, Japan was an island the sea created a defense for Japan

3. Under Feudalism, each person was loyal to those who?

had more power and wealth than them

4. What religion did India's conquerors follow?

the religion of Islam

5. What helped to spread knowledge in China's golden age?

the printing of books, block and movable type printing

6. List some influences that Europe had on Japan.

opened Japan up to trade and Western culture, Portuguese guns, and Christianity

7. What are some key products that China traded with other?

Silk, Tea, and Porcelain

8. What are some geographical features of the Silk Road?

the Silk Road was not a single road, but a network of roads that stretched from Asia to Europe, and went through deserts and mountains.

Greece and Rome Questions

1. Who greatly influenced the Roman people?

The Greeks

2. Explain the effect of the geography in Ancient Greece.

Greece was mountainous which made it difficult to unify as one country; people of Greece formed separate city-states or communities that each had their own culture, beliefs, religion, and way of life.

3. Explain why myths were important to the Greeks?

myths helped to explain the features of nature and the creation of the universe and their understanding of their gods.

4. How was the power divided between the consuls in the Roman Republic?

the power between the two consuls was divided equally.