

ORIGINS OF CIVILIZATIONS

(Course Outline)

Text: World History: People & Nations

Goals: This one-semester survey course will first look at why we as students in today's society need to study history and the social sciences. Then the course will cover the geography, people, and history of five key civilizations in world history. This portion of the course begins with their origins and details their progress into what is commonly called the Middle Ages. Emphasis is on understanding how and why these civilizations arose and differentiated over the centuries. These differences are important for us as citizens of the modern world to understand, because they still exist and will contribute to the inevitable one-world civilization that technology is creating.

Note: There will be announced and possibly unannounced quizzes.

Introduction: The Course and Why Study History

Civilization I: Basic Geography, Prehistory and Middle Eastern Origins
Test I: Geography, Chapter 1, Sections 3 & 4 of Chapter 2, and the introductory material on: Why Study History?
(including pages xxv-xxix, 1-15 and 27-37)
Quiz on the Introduction, Geography, and Chapter I
(approximately 3.0 weeks)

Civilization II: Ancient Egypt, Phoenicians, Lydians and Hebrews
Test II: Sections 1 & 2 of Chapter 2 and Section 5
(including pages 16-27 and 38-47)
Quiz on Egypt
(approximately 2.5 weeks)

Civilization III: Ancient, Medieval and Islamic India
Test III: Chapter 3 and Section 3 of Chapter 9
(including pages 48-67 and 215-221)
Quiz on Sections 1-3 of Chapter 3
(approximately 2.5 weeks)

Civilization IV: Ancient and Medieval China
Test IV: Chapter 4 and Sections 1 & 2 of Chapter 12
(including pages 68-89 and 276-282)
Quiz on Chapter 4
(approximately 2.5 weeks)

Civilization V: Hellenic Greece (Western Civilization)
Test V: Chapter 5
(including pages 100-123)
Quiz on Sections 1-3 of Chapter 5
(approximately 3 weeks)

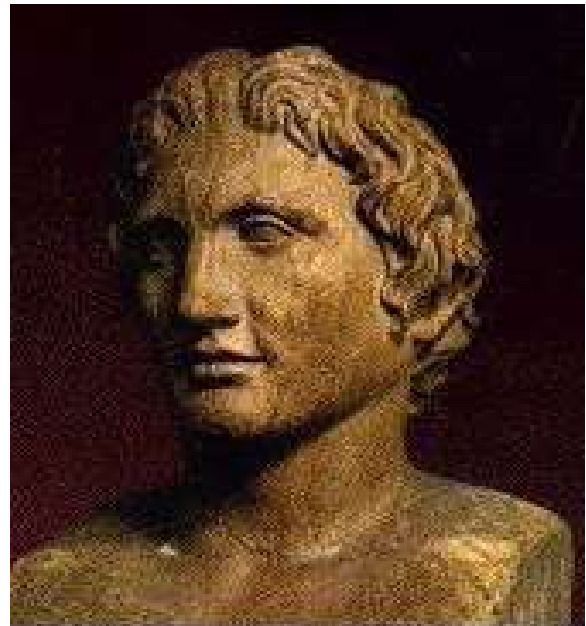
Civilization V(a): Hellenistic Greece (Western)
Test VI: Chapter 6
(including pages 124-141)
(approximately 2 weeks)

Civilization V(b): The Roman World & the Byzantine Empire (Western)
Test VII: Chapter 7
(including pages 142-175)
Quiz I on Sections 1-3 of Chapter 7
Quiz II on Sections 4 & 5 of Chapter 7
(approximately 3 weeks)

Note: Test VIII will be the final exam and will include past and additional questions pertaining to the previously tested material.



Pharaoh Tutankhamon



Alexander the Great