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FOUNDATIONS

NOT TESTED BUT
NECESSARY →

KEY CONCEPTS, IDEAS, MOVEMENTS, RELIGIONS, PEOPLE, ETC. FOR THE FOUNDATIONS PERIOD (8000BCE-600CE)

BY 8000 BCE, 3 MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED:

1. Homo Sapiens have been around for sometime (and are alone)
2. Humans are a tool using species (skills have improved at this point)
3. ** Humans have spread to all locations still inhabited by people today
 - a. POPULATION=10 Million

AGRICULTURE

- Agriculture vs. Hunter-Gatherer
 - Advantages

MISCONCEPTIONS

1. CIVILIZATIONS CONTINUE TO BE RURAL!!!!
 - a. Cities are new
2. CIVILIZATIONS HAVE WRITING BUT ALL ARE MAJORITY ILLITERATE!!!

CIVILIZATIONS

1. What CIVILIZATION is compared to NON CIVILIZED?
 - a. Non Civilized does not equal Barbarian
2. Structure
 - a. Have states
 - b. Depend more on cities
 - i. Cities increase in Size
 - c. Urban networks/trade between them
 - d. ** ALL BUT ONE (IncAs) HAVE HANDWRITING
 - e. More elaborate forms of INEQUALITY

RIVER VALLEY CIVILIZATIONS THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS ON INDIVIDUAL SOCIETY!!!

MESOPOTAMIA, EGYPT, HARAPPAN, CHINESE

1. Don't need to know characteristics of all 4!
 - a. Need to know GENERIC so that you can compare it to the next level.
2. Do need to know 2 (any 2) of these so as to compare them
 - a. Harappan and China are the easiest because there is less information on them!

CLASSICAL

- DO NOT NEED MASSIVE DETAIL
- **CHINA, INDIA, MEDITERRANEAN** (Greece, Hellenistic, & Roman)
 - Do NOT over focus on Mediterranean

BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ERA

- 1. Massive Territorial Expansion (Key Contrast with the River Valley)
 - People are using Iron tools and weapons (7500 BCE)
- 2. Integration of Larger Territories (Making new territories a lasting part of your area)
 - All 3 do it differently (Economic. Cultural. Political)

YOU NEED TO BE COMFORTABLE WITH ALL 3 MAJOR CLASSICAL SOCIETIES

- Be able to make comparisons among the three

CONNECTION vs. SEPERATION

- Development of ALL 3 societies is SEPARATE!
 - Connections between them is not key in their development
- There are patterns of connection
 - Silk Road, etc.
 - Not many, and they DO NOT affect the development of any THREE!
- EXCEPTIONS:
 - ALEXANDER & INDIA
 - CHINA & INDIA
 - BUDDHISM

THE DECLINE

By 600 CE: ALL MAJOR SOCIETIES HAVE DECLINED

- Nature of Decline
- How it varies from one case to another
- Causes of Decline

Overland trade gets MORE complicated; Next period more focus on OVERSEAS trade networks

RELIGION

- Know the 5 Major Religions (attached)
- Social and Gender Equalities
- How do they explain the world around them?
- ** Do Not need to know the branches of Buddhism!
- Key Comparison: Buddhism to Hinduism
- CONFUCIANISM IS NOT A RELIGION!
- See Attached!

MAJOR COMPARISONS

- Compare major religions & philosophical systems
- Compare the role of women in different belief systems
- Understand WHY and HOW the collapse of empire was more severe in Western Europe than it was in the Eastern Mediterranean or in China
- Compare the Caste system to other systems of social inequality devised by early and classical civilizations including slavery
- Comp. Cities to pastoral/nomad
- Compare the develop. Of traditions & institutions in major civil. (Ind, Ch, Gr)
- Describe Interregional trade systems (Indian Ocean)

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Locating World History in the Environment & Time**
- **Developing Agriculture and Technology**
- **Basic features of Early civilizations**
- **Classical Civilizations**
- **Belief Systems**
- **Late Classical Period**
 - **Collapse of empire**
 - **Movement of people**
 - **Interregional Networks**

NEED TO KNOW

- Nature of Neolithic Rev.
- Economic & Social results of Ag. Revolution
- Nature of Patriarchal systems
- Nature of early civilizations
- Importance of Bronze & Iron

DON'T NEED TO KNOW

- Characteristics of previous STONE AGES
- Specific Dates of Introduction of Agriculture to specific societies
- Changes in a family structure within one region
- Not necessarily specific of more than two
- Not Specific Bronze/Iron Inventi.