# World History Final Exam Review Questions

Complete by the beginning of the in-class review for five extra credit points on your final exam.

1. The difference between history and prehistory?
2. How do we study prehistory?
3. How did people find food during the Old Stone Age?
4. What was different about the New Stone Age?
5. How did farming lead to the growth of cities?
6. Explain the importance of the Tigris and Euphrates in the Fertile Crescent.
7. What was Hammurabi’s Code? What effect did it have on future civilizations?
8. Who were the Phoenicians? What were their major contributions?
9. Who were the Israelites? Describe two major events in the history of the Israelites.
10. How was Egypt “the gift of the Nile”?
11. Why did the Egyptians and Nubians consider the deserts to be a blessing?
12. Why was religion so important to people in ancient Egypt?
13. Explain some the accomplishments of the Egyptians.
14. Who were the Aryans?
15. How did Hinduism begin? What are the basic beliefs of Hinduism?
16. Who was the Buddha? What are the differences between Buddhism and Hinduism?
17. How did Asoka become a Buddhist and how did he rule?
18. Why did the early Chinese have so little contact with other ancient civilizations?
19. What were the five relationships of Confucius?
20. Who felt threatened by Confucius’ teachings? Why?
21. How did Shi Huangdi unite China?
22. How would you describe the Han Dynasty?
23. Why do people in China today refer to themselves as “children of the Han”?
24. Why was the silk road so important to China? To other civilizations?
25. Who were the Minoans and Mycenaeans?
26. How did city-states arise in ancient Greece?
27. How did the rule of tyrants affect the city-states?
28. What was the importance of the oracles to the Greeks?
29. Why was religion important to the Greeks?
30. What arts were important to ancient Greeks?
31. How did the Spartans become skilled warriors?
32. Explain the Battle of Marathon.
33. What led to the Peloponnesian War?
34. How did Alexander’s upbringing affect his attitude as a leader?
35. Why did the Romans not want to be ruled by the Etruscans?
36. When would a dictator rule over the Roman Republic? Why?
37. What led to the decline of the Roman Republic?
38. How did Augustus come to power?
39. What contributions did the Romans make to law? To technology?
40. Why was it important for Roman men to register for the census?
41. Describe the circuses of ancient Rome? For what reason were the held?
42. How did Constantine bring Christianity to Rome? Why did he become a Christian?
43. How did Constantinople’s location affect its culture and economic power?
44. What was Justinian’s Code?
45. What are the five pillars of Islam?
46. What do Muslims, Jews, and Christians have in common?
47. What was the role of a lord and vassal in feudalism?
48. What was a manor?
49. Why was the Church so powerful in the Middle Ages?
50. How was the growth of towns related to the growth of guilds in the Middle Ages?
51. What were the effects of the Crusades on Europe?
52. What was the Renaissance? Where did it begin and why?
53. Why did Martin Luther break away from the Catholic Church?