

Assignments: 600 CE -1450 CE (Period 3)

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1A 1B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and complete chart on Post-Classical/Big Changes and Continuity • Read and Outline pages 117-143 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How did the environment of Arabia impact the social organization and lifestyle of the Bedouin? ○ What role did Mecca play in Arabia? ○ What was the role of women and marriage in Arabia? ○ What events led to the fall of the Umayyads? ○ What did the new religion of Islam offer to the divided people of Arabia? ○ How did surrounding empires react to Islam? ○ How did the Umayyads rise to power again? What was life like under their rule? (p 130-132) ○ What caused the Umayyad decline and fall? ○ What are the characteristics of the Abbasid Era? ○ What were the achievements of the Islamic world? ○ How would you describe the role of women in the "Islamic World" compared to women in other contemporary societies? (132-134) 	10/9
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 145-168 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What were the causes for the weaknesses of the later Abbasid Empire? ○ How would you describe the role of women in the Abbasid Empire? ○ How did the Abbasids keep alive the ideas of many ancient Greek and Roman writers? ○ Describe how Islam spread to South Asia? ○ Describe how Islam spread to Southeast Asia. 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 171-191 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are "stateless" societies? Problems with stateless societies? ○ What were the common elements in African societies? ○ How did Islam spread into Africa? ○ What were the Christian kingdoms? How did they interact with Muslims? ○ What were the Sudanic states and how were they organized? ○ How did Islam and the beliefs of indigenous societies fuse among African people? ○ What was the connection between East Africa and Islam? ○ Where did cultures in Africa develop that were NOT impacted by Islam? What was the nature of their organization? 	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 263-286 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How did the Sui and Tang dynasties reestablish a centralized empire in China? ○ How did the Tang govern their empire and why did they use these institutions/methods? ○ Describe the reasons for the Decline of the Tang Dynasty? ○ To what extent was the Song Dynasty weaker than the Tang and how did the Song dynasty attempt to solve the problems they faced? ○ What was the Chinese commercial revolution. ○ How did the status of women change during the Tang-Song era and describe the status of women. ○ What was the impact of the Tang-Song era on Chinese history? ○ Describe the innovations that were made during the Tang-Song era? 	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 193-210 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What were the origins of the Byzantine Empire (BE)? ○ What groups threatened the survival of the BE and how was the BE able to survive? ○ Describe the split that occurred between the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches and How did it impact the BE and European civilizations? ○ Describe the Russian state in Kiev and the important Russian institutions. 	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 213-236 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What characteristics define the postclassical time period in Western Europe? ○ Define feudalism and manorialism. ○ How did Western Europe recover politically and economically in the ninth and tenth century? ○ Describe the political units of Western Europe between 1000 and 1400 and theology during the Middle Ages. ○ What were the crises of the later Middle Ages? 	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 289-312 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How did Chinese culture influence the three earlier periods of Japanese history (Taika, Nara, Heian)? ○ Describe the Taika reforms and why did they fail? ○ Why was there a decline in the imperial power in Japan and a rise of the Shoguns? (Make sure you address the warrior elites and the growing isolation of the imperial court) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does court life in the Heian period compare to European court life (use your notes from Europe)? o Describe the Bakufu Period/Age. o What was the relationship between Korea and China? o How was Vietnam able to remain independent in China? 	
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8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 315-337 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Describe Mongol culture and society. o How did Chinggis Khan rise to power? o Why did the Mongols adopt a strategy of "terror"? o How were the Mongols able to conquer northern China under Chinggis Khan? o How and why did the empire divide after Chinggis' death? o Describe the Mongol attack on Europe. o How did the Mongols govern their empire and the people? o How did Mongol rule influence Europe, the Islamic world, and China (Be Specific)? 	
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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 239-260 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How were the Aztecs and Incas influenced by earlier societies? o How did the Aztecs organize their agricultural sector? o What are some problems faced by the Aztecs? o How did the Incas overcome their geographic problems of their empire? o Describe the social organization within Andean society? o Compare and contrast Andean and Mesoamerican civilizations. 	
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Outline pages 339-352 and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Why was the Islamic Empire/society in decline? o What was China's involvement in international trade? Why did they later decide to isolate themselves from the West? o What were the reasons for the "Rise of the West"? And, How did the Renaissance affect European thought and the "Rise"? o What groups of Europeans were involved in early exploration? And, how were they involved, what were the reasons for these explorations and why were they successful/failed? o Describe the Migrations of the Polynesians and why did the migration occur? 	
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrations Assignment 	
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay 	
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REVIEW SHEET 	
<u>ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS/ REMINDERS:</u>		