**Mr. Weiss – WORLD HISTORY SEMESTER FINAL – Study Guide**

**Unit 1 – Early Civilizations**

Old Stone Age – Paleolithic Period  
New Stone Age – Neolithic Period  
Domesticate  
Rise of Civilizations  
Basic Features of Civilization (Cities, Organized Governments, Job specialization, social classes, arts and architecture, writing)  
Geography’s Impact: rivers and the rise of civilization  
Surplus  
Scribe  
Cultural diffusion  
city-state / empire  
polytheistic

Describe the skills and beliefs that early modern humans developed during the Old Stone Age

Analyze why the beginning of farming is considered the start of the New Stone Age and the Neolithic Revolution

Explain how the Neolithic Revolution dramatically changed the way people lived.

Outline the basic features that define civilization

Analyze the conditions under which the first cities and civilizations arose.

In which three river valleys did early civilizations emerge?

**Unit 2: Ancient Middle East and Egypt**

Fertile Crescent  
Mesopotamia  
Sumer  
Ziggurat  
Cuniform  
Sargon  
Hammurabi  
Amon-Ra  
Osiris  
Hieroglyphics

Understand how geography influenced the development of civilization in the Fertile Crescent

Understand how Egyptians viewed the afterlife.

Outline the advances that the Egyptians made in learning, the arts, science, and literature.

**Unit 3 – Ancient Greece**

Homer  
Trojan War  
Knossos  
Minoans   
Mycenaeans  
Polis  
Monarchy  
Aristocracy  
Oligarchy  
Phalanx  
Sparta  
Athens  
Democracy  
Tyrant  
Pericles  
Philosopher  
Logic  
Rhetoric  
Socrates  
Plato  
Aristotle  
Parthenon  
Alexander the Great  
Philip II

Explain how Sparta and Athens differed

Define three types of government that developed in the Greek city-states.

Understand how geography influenced the Greek city-states.

Understand the causes and effects of the Peloponnesian War.

How did the leadership of Pericles affect the government and culture of Athens?

Explain how Alexander the Great built an extensive empire

How did trade affect the development of early Greek civilizations?

How did the systems of government and education differ between Athens and Sparta?

**Unit 4: Ancient Rome**

Etruscans  
Republic  
Patrician  
Consul  
Dictator  
Plebeian  
Tribune  
Veto  
Legion  
Julius Caesar  
Augustus  
Census  
Messiah  
Martyr  
Patriarch

Outline how the Roman republic was structured and governed

Identify the events leading to the decline of the Roman Republic

Outline the development of the early Christian Church.

Identify the various types of problems that led to the fall of Rome

What values of the Roman Republic were revealed in the establishment of the role of tribune?

How did Augustus’s rise to power mark a significant change in Rome’s form of government?

How did Christianity spread through the Roman Empire?

How did both Greece and Rome benefit from their location on the Mediterranean Sea?

**The Middle Ages Study Guide**

**Terms:**

Middle Ages  
Clovis  
Charlemagne  
Feudalism  
Lords  
Knights  
Peasants / Serfs  
Chivalry  
Black Death  
Sacraments  
Saint Benedict  
Pope Urban II  
Crusades

**Questions to consider:**

1. How was medieval Europe different from previous civilizations?
2. What were the main political and economic characteristics of feudalism and manorialism?
3. How did the church hierarchy fit into society?
4. How did the church influence life in the middle ages?
5. When would working the land for the lord of a manor not have provided living for a peasant?
6. What were the main causes of the Crusades?
7. What was the outcome of the first crusade?
8. How did the crusades affect Europe?
9. How did Islam begin?
10. What were the main beliefs of Islam