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Classical Exam Study Guide (You will need to answer most questions on a separate sheet of paper)

**Early Empires- Persia and Israel**

**Learning Goal 1:** Describe the major political, religious/philosophical and cultural influences of Persia and Israel including the origins and central ideas of Judaism.

1. **What were the major political influences of Persia?**
2. **What were the major religious/philosophical influences of Persia?**

Zoroastrianism-

Jewish People = Hebrews

1. **What were the major cultural influences of Persia?**

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1. **What River Valley Civilizations did Persia conquer?**
2. **What were the major political influences of Israel?**

* Nomadic Hebrew tribes migrated from what is now central Iraq to eastern Mediterranean and established the Kingdom of Israel there
* After years in exile in Egypt, Hebrew leaders brought followers to the ‘promised land”
* Height of political power came during the reigns of King David and his son Solomon around 1000BC
* Invasions by the Assyrians and later Babylonians ended the kingdom as a political entity
* Area was politically controlled by Alexander the Great and by Romans in 63BC
* 135 AD Jewish Diaspora- Roman rulers scattered rebellious Jews throughout the empire

1. **What were the major cultural influences of Israel?**

* Hanakkah, festival of lights
* Temple built in Jerusalem, destroyed by the Babylonians

1. **What were the major religious/philosophical influences of Israel?**

* Belief that Hebrew people have a special covenant with God
* Established idea of monotheism
* Emphasized following laws handed down by the prophets
* Introduced Ten Commandments
* Christianity grew from Jewish traditions

1. **What are the origins of Judaism?**

* emerged among the Hebrews, an Eastern Mediterranean group, around 2000BC as the first major monotheistic faith
* Present day Israel
* Abraham made a covenant with God- Yahweh or Jehovah making the Hebrews the “chosen people” and be led by God to the “promised land” of Canaan

1. **What are the central ideas of Judaism?**

* Worship of one God who has a unique relationship with the Jewish people
* Honor and serve God by following a strict code of conduct based on Jewish laws contained in the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament)
* Belief in an afterlife reached by humans with divine help

**Classical India and China**

**Learning Goal 2:** Describe the major political, religious/philosophical and cultural influences of classical India and China including the origins and central ideas of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism.

1. **What are the major political influences of Classical China?**

**Dynasties**

1. **What were the major religious/philosophical influences of Classical China?**

**Confucianism**

1. **What were the major cultural influences of Classical China?**
2. **What is the mandate of heaven?**
3. **What were the 3 Main Dynasties and what were their beliefs?**
4. **What were the major political influences of Classical India?**
5. **What were the major religious/philosophical influences of Classical India?**
6. **What were the major cultural influences of Classical India?**
7. **What are the central ideas of Hinduism?**
8. **What are the origins of Buddhism?**

**Who is Siddhartha Gautauma?**

1. **What are the central ideas of Buddhism?**
2. **What are the central ideas of Confucianism?**

**Mediterranean Empires**

**Learning Goal 3:** Describe the major political, religious/philosophical and cultural influences of classical Greece and Rome including the origins and central ideas of Christianity and the legal traditions.

1. **What are the major political influences of Classical Greece?**
2. **What were the major religious/philosophical influences of Classical Greece?**
3. **What were the major cultural influences of Classical Greece?**
4. **What are the major political influences of Classical Rome?**

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1. **What were the major religious/philosophical influences of Classical Rome?**
2. **What were the major cultural influences of Classical Rome?**
3. **What are the origins of Christianity?**

* Jesus was born (Israel) to a Jewish family and as an adult became an itinerant teacher gathering a following of disciples
* Eventually Jesus claimed to be the Messiah and “Son of God”
* Jesus gained popularity with the poor and common people and threatened the power of the Jewish establishment
* Jewish authorities persuaded Roman leaders to bring Jesus to justice, Jesus was tried for blasphemy and treason, found guilty and put to death by crucifixion

1. **What are the central ideas of Christianity?**

* Jesus is divine “son of God”
* Christian teachings are found in the Bible
* After his death Jesus resurrected from the dead to reveal himself, A second coming of Jesus-Day of Judgment
* Worship God, practice love and service to God and fellow human beings is expected
* Forgiveness of sins and salvation are obtained through belief in death and resurrection of Christ

**Technological Advances in the Classical Era**

**Learning Goal 4:** Identify the major mathematical, scientific and technological advances made during the classical period.

1. **What advances did the Greeks make?**
2. **What advances did the Romans make?**
3. **What advances did the Indians make?**
4. **What advances did the Chinese make?**
5. **What advances did the Persians make?**
6. **What were the achievements of:**
7. Archimedes
8. Eratosthenes
9. Pythagoras

**The Fall of Rome and Han China**

**Learning Goal 5:** Compare the fall of the Roman and Han Empire.

1. **Why did Rome fall?**
2. **Why did the Han Empire fall?**
3. **Why did they both fall?**

**Other Notes:**