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Unit 1: River Valley Civilizations Study Guide

1. What were the differences between the Paleolithic Age and the Neolithic Age?
2. Why did early civilizations emerge along rivers?
3. Name the similarities and differences between the civilizations of the Nile, Tigris-Euphrates, Indus, and Huang He (Yellow River). (at least 3 similarities and 3 differences)
4. How did geography impact ancient Egypt?
5. How did the development of agriculture change the lives of early humans?
6. What is technology? Give an example of a technological advancement that helps early people adapt to their environment.
7. How did religion help leaders in Egypt and Sumer rule their civilizations?
8. What type of government did the following civilizations have and how do you know:
   1. Sumer
   2. Egypt
   3. Ancient India
   4. Ancient China
9. What is a dynasty?
10. What was the first set of written laws?
11. Explain the Mandate of Heaven.
12. Why do civilizations need government? Explain.
13. What was the purpose of Hammurabi’s code and why was it unfair? Was it applied to everyone?
14. How is the caste system an example of social hierarchy?
15. Explain how reincarnation reinforces the caste system?
16. According to the Buddhist faith, suffering is the result of what?
17. According to the Buddhist faith, how can one escape this suffering?
18. According to the teachings of Confucius, how can an organization of society be successful?
19. In ancient civilizations, who was at top of the social classes?
20. How do codified laws meet the needs of ancient societies?
21. Compare and contrast ancient religions. List at least 3 similarities and 3 differences.
22. Explain the dynastic cycle and the Mandate of Heaven.
23. How did geography influence the settlement of ancient civilization?
24. Explain the differences between governments. Which one do you think is best and why? Explain.
25. What is a primary source? Give an example.
26. What is a secondary source? Give an example.
27. What is the purpose of the Great Wall of China?