

Review Questions for 600-1450

1. How did Muhammad and Islam address the fundamental problems in bedouin society?
2. What are the basic beliefs of Islam?
3. What motivations led Islam to transform itself from a nomadic society to a global civilization? In what sense was it a global civilization by 850?
4. What were the major characteristics of the Abbasid Caliphate?
5. How did the position of women in Islamic society change from Muhammad to the Abbasid Empire?
6. What was Islam's attitude towards slavery?
7. To what extent was Islam successful in converting India to Islam? Southeast Asia? Sub-Saharan Africa?
8. What were the major characteristics of the Sudanic states, Great Zimbabwe, and the Swahili city-states? What impact did Islam have upon them?
9. What were the major characteristics of the Byzantine Empire?
10. What events led to the creation of the Orthodox Church in 1054?
11. What accounts for the decline of the Byzantine Empire?
12. How did the Byzantine Empire influence Russia?
13. Explain manorialism and feudalism.
14. What was the role of the Catholic Church during the Middle Ages?
15. What was the role of women during the Middle Ages?
16. What were the causes for the Crusades? What was the impact of the Crusades on Europe?
17. What were signs of economic and cultural revival in Western Europe after 1000?
18. What were the basic characteristics of the Olmec, Maya, Aztec, and Inca? Compare the Aztec and Inca.
19. What were basic characteristics of the Tang and Song dynasties? How did they change from the Han dynasty?
20. Discuss the status of women during the Tang-Song era.
21. What innovations were made during the Tang-Song era?
22. What was Neo-Confucianism? How did it change the political and social nature of China?
23. Describe Japan during the Heian era.
24. Compare and contrast Japanese feudalism with European feudalism.
25. Compare and contrast the degree of Sinification in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.
26. How was Genghis (Chinggis) Khan able to build one of history's largest empires?
27. What was the impact Mongol conquest of Russia? Islamic heartland? China?
28. What were the positive impacts of the Mongol conquests? Negative impacts?

Key Terms for 600-1450 Unit

Five Pillars

Sharia

Sunni

Shi'a

caliph

dhimmi

mawali

wazir

Sufis

al-Khwarizmi

dhows

Dar al-Islam

Bantu migrations

stateless society

Mansa Musa

Swahili

Kilwa

Constantinople

Justinian

iconoclasm

Vladimir I

boyars

Vikings

fiefs

vassals

papacy

Magna Carta

guilds

scholasticism

Bubonic Plague (Black Death)

Hundred Years War

Toltecs

calpulli

chinampas

cannibal kingdom

Pachacuti

split inheritance

mita

ayllu

Empress Wu

tribute system

jinshi

footbinding

Grand Canal

flying money

junks

Sinification (sinicization)

bushi

samurai

shogun (Shogunate)

daimyo

Trung Sisters

Genghis Khan

Kublai Khan

Pax Mongolica

Unit 2 Study Questions

1. Analyze the changes and continuities in the Arabic world's acceptance of ONE of the following items between 700 and 1400. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.

Arts
Technology
Sciences

2. Describe and analyze the cultural, economic, and political impact of Islam on ONE of the following regions between 700 C.E. and 1450 C.E. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.

West Africa
South Asia
Europe

3. Describe the developments and shifts in trade in ONE of the following regions between 600 and 1450 CE. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.

Indian Ocean
Trans-Saharan
Silk Road

4. Compare and contrast the economic and political choices made during the Tang/Song Era with those made during the first century of the Ming dynasty.

5. Describe and analyze the changing political structure of China between 600 and 1450 CE. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.

6. Compare and contrast the economic and political effects of China on TWO of the following neighboring regions.

Korea
Japan
Vietnam

7. Compare and contrast the economic and political systems of two of the following regions between 700 and 1300 CE.

Russia
Byzantine Empire
Western Europe

8. Compare and contrast the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church using TWO of the following criteria:

Religious dogma
Role and responsibilities of clergy
Organizational structure
Art used in places of worship

9. Compare and contrast the social, political and economic patterns of the TWO of the following

civilizations

Mayans
Aztecs
Incas

10. Compare and contrast Japanese and European feudalism using TWO of the following criteria:

Warrior class
Architecture
Role of king/emperor

11. Compare and contrast the impact of TWO of the following migrations:

Bantu
Vikings
Aztecs

12. Compare and contrast Islam and Christianity using TWO of the following criteria:

Dogma
Relation to the state
Religious prophets
Role of women

13. Describe the developments and shifts in the role of women in TWO of the following regions between 600 and 1450 CE:

China
Dar al-Islam
Western Europe

14. Compare and contrast the short and long-term effects of the Crusades on Western Europe and the Middle East.

15. Compare and contrast the role and function of cities in TWO of the following regions:

Dar al-Islam
Western Europe
China

16. Compare and contrast European and sub-Saharan contacts with the Islamic world using TWO of the following criteria:

Degree of adoption of Islam
Military conflict
Economic relationship
Treatment of minority/indigenous religions