World History Midterm Review

Chapter 1 – 2 Paragraphs

* What was life like in early times and how did it change as civilizations began to develop?
  + Nomadic Life vs Sedentary Life
  + Neolithic Revolution
  + Agricultural Revolution
  + Importance of Surpluses
  + Characteristics of a Civilization
    - Organized Government
    - Complex Religion
    - Job Specialization
    - Social Classes
    - Arts & Architecture
    - Public Works
    - Writing

Chapter 2– 2 Paragraphs

* What distinct characteristics did the early civilizations and empires of the Middle East and Egypt develop?
  + Sumerians
    - Government
    - Society
    - Religion
    - Writing – including books/poems/fables
  + Babylonians
    - Codifying of Laws
    - Criminal Law vs Civil Law
  + Persians
    - Economy
    - Religion
  + Phoenicians
    - Alphabet
  + Egyptians
    - Government
    - Art & Architecture
    - Religion
    - Society
  + Jews
    - Religion

Chapter 3– 2 Paragraphs

* In what ways did the civilizations and empires of ancient India and China lay long-lasting social and political foundations?
  + India
    - Religion
      * Hinduism
      * Buddhism
    - Social Class
      * Caste System
  + China
    - Religion, Mandate of Heaven
    - Achievements – Silk, Great Wall, Acupuncture

Chapter 4 – 2 Paragraphs

* What enduring traditions and institutions did Greek culture extend to most of the Western world?
  + Government – democracy, judicial
  + Art & Architecture
  + Literature & History
  + Math, Science, Medicine

Overall Question – 3 Paragraphs

* What role has cultural diffusion played throughout history between civilizations and empires and what role does it continue to play today?
  + 3 Ways of Spreading Cultural Diffusion
    - War
    - Trade
    - Migration