**River Valley Civilizations**

Characteristics of Civilizations

Cultural Development Social Structure

Rise of Cities Development of Institutions

Writing Neolithic Revolution

Specialization of Labor surplus of food

Nile River Valley

Mesopotamia

Cuneiform

Hammurabi’s Code🡪 “eye for an eye”

Fertile crescent

Tigris & Euphrates

Theocracy

Polytheistic

Hieroglyphics

1st civilization in Egypt

Pyramids

Theocracy/ Monarchy

Polytheistic

Indus River Valley

Yellow River Valley

Plumbing system

Theocracy

Polytheistic

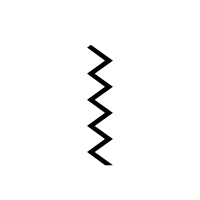
1st Chinese Civilization

Ancestor worship

Polytheistic

**Classical Empires**

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| **Characteristics of Empires**  Strong central administration  Common language  Economic growth  Imperial cities  Monumental structures  Ideology  Military power | **China**  Qin Dynasty 🡪 Legalism🡪 people by nature evil  Han Dynasty 🡪 Confucianism🡪 filial piety, obedient to those in authority, Civil Service Exam  Daoism |
| **India**  Ashoka  Hinduism: caste system, Karma, Reincarnation, Dharma, Moksha  Buddhism: Siddhartha Gautama, 4 noble truths  Polytheistic | **Rome**  12 tables  “innocent until proven guilty”  “trial by jury”  3 branches of government  Spread of Christianity (emperor Constantine)  Aqueducts  Republic🡪 “representative government” |
| **Greece**  City states  Athens; Democracy; “rule of the many”  Sparta; Oligarchy; “rule of the few” | **Persia**  Royal Road  Zoroastrianism  Cyrus the Great |

**Post Classical**

**Western Europe Byzantine Empire**

Kingdoms Justinian’s Code

Clovis Constantinople

Charles Martel🡪 Battle of Tours Eastern Orthodoxy

Charlemagne Domed ceilings, mosaics

Catholic Church provides unity

Gothic architecture; Stained glass

Flying buttresses

Feudalism🡪 decline in trade, serfs

Nobles, knights, vassals, loyalty for service

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Manorialism🡪 self sufficient

Decline of Feudalism🡪 Black Death, Crusades,

Hundred Years War, Great Schism

**Rise & Spread of Islam**

Muhammad, Sunni/ Shia Split, cultural unification in N. Africa & Middle East, Caliph, Quran, Minaret, Sharia, Hajj, 5 Pillars of Islam, Mecca, Theocracy, astrolabe, calligraphy & arabesques, House of Wisdom, Cordova

**Islam in Spain**

Reconquista, jizya

**Islam in India**

Jizya, Delhi Sultanate,

**Tang & Song China**

Gun powder, compass, paper currency, moveable tyle, junks, grand canal, footbinding, Chang’an, Civil Service Exam, Silk Road

**Mongols**

Ghengis Khan, China ruled by foreign power, End of Islamic Caliphate

**Contact & Connection**

**Ottoman Empire**

Fall of Constantinople🡪 End of Byzantine Empire

Sultan

Janissaries🡪 Devshirme system

Millets

Mehemet the Conqueror

Middle men of trade

**Pre Columbian Civilizations**

Maya

Aztec

Inca

Polytheistic

Human sacrifice

Blood letting

Chinampas

Terrace farming

Quipu,

terrace farming,

Andes mountains, polytheistic

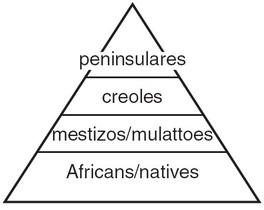
Polytheistic

City states

Human sacrifice

Blood letting

Slash & burn

**European Exploration**

Christopher Columbus

Columbian Exchange

Magellan

Encomienda

Colonization

Merchantilism

Commercial recolution

Vasco de Gama

Middle passage

Trans atlantic slave trade

Middle passage

Trans atlantic slave trade

**Indian Ocean Trade**

Spices

Ming dynasty

Zheng He