**Unit 1: Yellow River Valley and the Indus River Valley Notes**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Geography** **Development of Civilization****Traits of Early Civilization** **Cultural Diversity****Dynastic Cycle (Xia Dynasty 2070-1600 BCE)****(Shang Dynasty 176-1045 BCE)****(Zhou Dynasty 1045-256 BCE)** | 1. **What were the major river systems of early China?**
2. **What kind of terrain was their around the rivers?**
3. **What were the two main crops grown in early China?**
4. **Most the people in early China lived in what type of groups?**
5. **Did early China have much contact with the outside world?**
6. **What type of cities did the people live in?**
7. **On what objects can you find the earliest form of Chinese writing?**
8. **What products were produced in the Yangzi region of early China?**
9. **The Xia dynasty is a legendary dynasty. What does this mean?**
10. **Historians have found very little physical evidence of the Xia particularly not many what?**
11. **The Shang dynasty was the first what of China?**
12. **The Shang were the first group to keep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in China.**
13. **What type/ style of society did the Shang have?**
14. **Who did the Shang dynasty worship?**
15. **What is unique about the Zhou dynasty?**
16. **What is the Mandate of Heaven**
17. **What language did the Zhou develop?**
18. **What famous philosopher lived during the time of Zhou?**
19. **What were the last few violent centuries of the Zhou period known as?**
 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Geography of the Indian Subcontinent****Seasonal Monsoons** **First Civilization Along the Indus****Traits of the Civilization****Major Cities** **Decline** | 1. **What are the three major mountain ranges of the Indian subcontinent?**
2. **What are the three major river systems?**
3. **What are monsoons?**
4. **Why are they important to South Asia?**
5. **What are the two groups that possibly settled along the Indus first?**
6. **How many settlements have been found that belong to the Indus River Valley Civilization?**
7. **How do we know that the writing system is not an alphabet? How is been deciphered?**
8. **Who did the people of the Indus trade with?**
9. **Do we know what their religion was?**
10. **What are the two major cities of the Indus river valley?**
11. **What type of city were both of them?**
12. **What kind of sanitation system did both have?**
13. **What evidence is there that there was a difference between social classes?**
14. **What appears by 1900 BCE in the Indus river valley?**
15. **What caused the Indus River Valley civilization to decline?**
 |