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

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| **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?** |

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| **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?** |