

UNIT THREE STUDY GUIDE

Tang/Song

1. Describe the “Chinese Golden Age” and compare it to the European Renaissance.
2. Explain the role of women during these dynasties.

Ming/Qing

1. What was the Forbidden City and what was its purpose?
2. Describe Zheng He’s voyages. Why were they not as long lasting in impact as the later European explorers?
3. Why did the Ming and Qing dynasties isolate themselves?

Mongols:

1. Describe the Pax Mongolia and it’s implication on cultural diffusion.

Islamic Empires:

1. Explain Suleiman the Magnificent’s contribution to the Ottoman Empire.
2. How did the Ottoman’s conquer Constantinople? Why is this ironic considering the decline of the empire?
3. Who were Janissaries?

4. What distinguishes the Safavid empire from the others? What modern day country makes up this territory?
5. Describe a legacy of the Mughal empire that represents its cultural blending of many traditions.

African Kingdoms:

1. How did Africa's geography play a role in the development of civilization?
2. What goods were primarily traded along the Trans-Saharan trade route?
3. Describe an outcome of Mansa Musa's hajj to Mecca.
4. Who was the initial market of the African slave trade?
5. Describe the Middle Passage.
6. Explain the African Diaspora and its implication.

Aztecs and Incas:

1. How did the Aztecs adapt to their geography?

2. Explain a major difference between the Aztec and Incan empires.
3. Why did early American empires practice human sacrifice?
4. How was Hernandez Cortez able to conquer the Aztecs?

Exploration:

1. How did the Renaissance influence the age of exploration?
2. Who was Vasco de Gama? What was his greatest achievement?
3. Describe the impact of Christopher Columbus' voyages to the new world?
4. List goods exchange on either side of the Columbian Exchange.
5. What was the common goal among European countries for explorations and conquest?

Colonization:

1. Describe the outcome of the Treaty of Tordesillas.

2. Explain the encomienda system.
3. Describe the concept of mercantilism. What is the colonies' role in it?

Japan:

1. Who were the Samurai?
2. Describe the achievements of the Tokugawa shogunate.
3. What religions played a role in feudal Japan? What is the origin of those religions?