

Review Questions for 600-1450

1. How did Muhammad and Islam address the fundamental problems in bedouin society?
2. What are the basic beliefs of Islam?
3. What motivations led Islam to transform itself from a nomadic society to a global civilization? In what sense was it a global civilization by 850?
4. What were the major characteristics of the Abbasid Caliphate?
5. How did the position of women in Islamic society change from Muhammad to the Abbasid Empire?
6. What was Islam's attitude towards slavery?
7. To what extent was Islam successful in converting India to Islam? Southeast Asia? Sub-Saharan Africa?
8. What were the major characteristics of the Sudanic states, Great Zimbabwe, and the Swahili city-states? What impact did Islam have upon them?
9. What were the major characteristics of the Byzantine Empire?
10. What events led to the creation of the Orthodox Church in 1054?
11. What accounts for the decline of the Byzantine Empire?
12. How did the Byzantine Empire influence Russia?
13. Explain manorialism and feudalism.
14. What was the role of the Catholic Church during the Middle Ages?
15. What was the role of women during the Middle Ages?
16. What were the causes for the Crusades? What was the impact of the Crusades on Europe?
17. What were signs of economic and cultural revival in Western Europe after 1000?
18. What were the basic characteristics of the Olmec, Maya, Aztec, and Inca? Compare the Aztec and Inca.
19. What were basic characteristics of the Tang and Song dynasties? How did they change from the Han dynasty?
20. Discuss the status of women during the Tang-Song era.
21. What innovations were made during the Tang-Song era?
22. What was Neo-Confucianism? How did it change the political and social nature of China?
23. Describe Japan during the Heian era.
24. Compare and contrast Japanese feudalism with European feudalism.
25. Compare and contrast the degree of Sinification in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.
26. How was Genghis (Chinggis) Khan able to build one of history's largest empires?
27. What was the impact Mongol conquest of Russia? Islamic heartland? China?
28. What were the positive impacts of the Mongol conquests? Negative impacts?

Key Terms for 600-1450 Unit

Five Pillars
Sharia
Sunni
Shi'a
caliph
dhimmi
mawali
wazir
Sufis
al-Khwarizmi
dhows
Dar al-Islam
Bantu migrations
stateless society
Mansa Musa
Swahili
Kilwa
Constantinople
Justinian
iconoclasm
Vladimir I
boyars
Vikings
fiefs
vassals
papacy
Magna Carta
guilds
scholasticism
Bubonic Plague (Black Death)
Hundred Years War
Toltecs
calpulli
chinampas
cannibal kingdom
Pachacuti
split inheritance
mita
ayllu
Empress Wu
tribute system
jinshi
footbinding
Grand Canal
flying money
junks
Sinification (sinicization)
bushi
samurai
shogun (Shogunate)
daimyo
Trung Sisters
Genghis Khan
Kubilai Khan
Pax Mongolica