Ch. 2 Lecture Questions

1. Why was Mesopotamia an ideal location for the first civilization to emerge?
2. What two rivers ran on each side of Mesopotamia?
3. Why was the land in Mesopotamia so rich/fertile?
4. How did the people of Mesopotamia control the water supply?
5. Specifically, which people of Mesopotamia started the first recognized civilization?
6. What are the features of a city-state?
7. What are at least 6 features of Sumerian life?
8. Who defeated the Sumerians and set up the first empire?
9. How is an empire different than a city-state?
10. Who in turn defeated the people that defeated the Sumerians?
11. \*Why were Hammurabi’s punishments so harsh?

1. How were Hammurabi’s code different than our justice system today?.
2. What did Hammurabi think about the family structure?
3. How did the people of Mesopotamia explain nature and natural disasters?
4. True or False. The peoples of Mesopotamia were monotheistic
5. List at least 3 things that the Sumerian invented.

Section 2

1. True of false. The Nile is the longest River in the world it runs southward.
2. How is the Nile like the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers?
3. Why was Egypt so well protected?
4. What impacts did the protection of the natural barriers have on the Egyptian’s?
5. What were the most important groups of gods to the Egyptians?
6. There are 3 divisions of Egyptian history what are they are what are their feature

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| **Old Kingdom(6 facts)** | **Middle Kingdom(5 facts)** | **New Kingdom(9 facts)** |

1. How was Egypt’s classes like pyramid?
2. What was the family structure like in Egypt?

1. What were 3 freedoms enjoyed by Egyptian women
2. Sumerians had Cuneiform, what did the Egyptians have?

Section 3

1. How were Pastoral Nomads different than the nomads studied in chapter 1
2. The Indo-Europeans were an important pastoral nomadic peoples. The Hittites were of these people and they were the first to use iron. What advantage did they have with the use of iron
3. What gift did the Greek get from Phoenicians that we in turn got from the Greeks
4. How did the Phoenician’s ships and seafaring skills impact them economically
5. What was King Solomon’s greatest contribution to Israel
6. What happened to Israel’s kingdom after the death of King Solomon
7. What happened to the Kingdom of Judah?
8. True or False. The Israelites were monotheistic
9. Explain the covenant the law and the prophets that the people of Israel value so deeply.

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| **The Covenant** | **The law** | **The Prophets** |

Section 4

No Questions