Social Studies 8 Final Exam Review Guide

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**Exam Details**

* Date: Thursday, January 19th @ 1pm
* Location: PCSS gymnasium
* Format: multiple choice (40 questions), matching (10 questions), fill in the blank (10 questions)
* \*\*\* questions total
* 10% of your final grade
* Desired course grade (DCG calculation): DCG = (course work mark x 0.8) + (final project mark x 0.1) + (final exam mark x 0.1) 80% = (75% x 0.8) + (90% x 0.1) + (final exam mark x 0.1)

**Exam Content**

* Characteristics of Civilizations
* China to the Tang Dynasty
* India
* Africa
* Japan
* Western Religions
* Europe’s Early Middle Ages

**Studying**

* Make flashcards
* Re-write important points
* Review notes/ worksheets
* Re-read text book sections
* Review what you were taught (\*\*\*we did not cover all chapters in your text book)
* Study old tests/ quizzes/ questions

**Course Review - Exam Content**

* Characteristics of Civilizations and general social studies info
  + When human civilizations began
  + Steps involved in forming civilizations
  + 8 different characteristics
  + Primary vs. secondary sources
  + Quiz on human civilizations
* China to the Tang Dynasty
  + Geography (pp 74-76)
  + Map – elevation profiles
  + Vocabulary list
  + Shang dynasty note (done together)
  + Zhou dynasty note (individual and McDade)
  + Confucianism, legalism, Daoism note
  + Qin, Han, Sui notes
  + Tang dynasty presentation and notes
  + China test
* India
  + Geography assignment
  + Languages of India – circle graph
  + Early Developments and India’s golden age notes and quiz
  + Note on Indus Civilization and Aryan Invaders
  + Indian religions
  + Muslim conquest of India note template and questions
  + BBC documentary on India notes
* Africa
  + Geography of Africa assignment
  + Read on African culture (pp 373-379)
  + Africa notes template – part 1 and 2
  + Note on East Africa and Ethiopia and The Bantu Peoples of Central and Southern Africa
  + Africa quiz
* Japan
  + Map – 4 islands and Tokyo
  + Discussion of island life in the “ring of fire”
  + Japanese culture day
  + Japan vocabulary crossword
  + Note template for the Early Days of the rising sun (pp 179-182)
  + Heian Japan readings and note (pp 183-185)
  + Life of a Samurai – readings (pg 190) and film
* Western Religions
  + BBC videos on Christianity, Islam and Judaism – notes and quiz
* Europe’s Early Middle Ages
  + Cut and paste note template for early medieval period
  + Bayeux tapestry
  + Battle of Hastings re-enactment

**Matching Section**

Study the following vocabulary words. 10 will appear on the matching section of your final exam.

* Chapter 3 (China): artifact, oracle, dynasty, steppe, loess, silt, dual, irrigation, nomadic, philosopher, conscientious, to decapitate, exile, immortality, jade, enlightenment, meditation, cosmopolitan
* Chapter 11 (India): auspicious, incantations, mantra, adversary, paradox, monsoons, archaeologist, caste, tolerance, artisan, deity, yogi, discrimination, shrine, reincarnation, vegetarianism, guru, enlightened, famine, suppression,
* Chapter 12 (Africa): savanna, oasis, clan, migration, polyphonic, polyrhythmic, commodity, drought
* Chapter 6 (Japan): samurai, archipelago, kabuki, abdicate, shogun, daimyo, contemplation,
* Chapter 1/ 2 (Europe’s Early and High Middle Ages): barbarian, plague, social class, skald, Thing, propaganda

**Fill in the Blanks Section**

The following individuals will be listed at the top of 10 10 fill in the blank questions. Your job is to connect each person to each statement.

* + Kongfuzi
  + Han Feizi
  + Laozi
  + Shi Huangdi
  + Gaozu
  + Prince Siddartha
  + Wu Zetian
  + Yang Guifei
  + Ashoka
  + Babur
  + Akbar
  + Alexander the Great
  + Muhammad
  + Akbar
  + Mansa Musa
  + Ewuare the Great
  + Zara Yakob
  + Minamoto Yorimoto
  + Jesus Christ
  + Mumammad
  + Moses
  + Clovis I
  + Charlemagne
  + Harold Godwinson
  + William of Normandy

**Multiple Choice Section**

Each of the following 46 points will have a corresponding question on your final exam. Use them to gather specific information to focus your studying. You will have 4 more questions based on the people and vocabulary listed above.

1. Interpret a circle graph
2. Interpret a map
3. When did human civilizations begin?
4. Steps involved in the formation of civilizations
5. Classify information as one of the 8 characteristics of civilizations
6. Primary vs. secondary sources
7. Reasons for the rise and fall of civilizations
8. Concept of race and genetic superiority
9. Geographic/ hydrographic features of China from elevation profile map
10. Shang dynasty – arts and culture
11. Zhou dynasty – centralized government and public works
12. Confucianism, Legalism and Daoism – compare and contrast
13. Han dynasty – technological innovation
14. Period of Chaos – organized religion
15. Qin dynasty – transfer of knowledge
16. Sui dynasty – public works
17. Tan dynasty – social structure
18. Comparing Chinese dynasties – organized commerce
19. Order and dates of dynasties in China
20. India geography
21. Summer vs. winter monsoons in India
22. Indo-European language family
23. Significance of the Dravidians
24. Early Indian Empires – organized religion
25. Gupta Empire – social structure
26. Indian religions – compare and contrast Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism
27. Muslim conquest of India – Akbar and organized religion
28. Major features of African geography
29. Unique aspect of Khoisan lanauge
30. African drumming
31. 2 most important commodities of the Sudan
32. Timbuktu
33. Important crops of West Africa
34. Four islands of Japan
35. Climate of Japan – average temperature and precipitation
36. Japan’s Nara period – organized religion and arts and culture
37. Heian Japan – centralized government
38. Samurai characteristics
39. Distinct aspects among Christianity, Judaism and Islam
40. Similarities among western religions
41. The Salic Code and social structure of the Franks
42. Origins and invasions of the Ango-Saxons
43. Irish monks and transfer of knowledge
44. Vikings – social structure and government
45. Order of groups in “control” in Europe
46. Bayeux tapestry and the Battle of Hastings