**World History Benchmark #3 Study Guide**

**Unit One:**

What is the difference between a monotheistic and polytheistic religion? Provide examples for each.

What is reincarnation? What religions believe in this?

Define: Pharaoh

Name the writing system for the following

* India - Egypt - Mesopotamia

The Olmec Civilization is known as the Mother Culture of what region?

What do the River Valley Civilizations ALL have in common?

**Unit Two:**

What major contribution was made by the Ancient Athenians?

What area did both the Roman and Greek civilizations have an impact on?

What is Hellenistic Culture? What cultures are combined to create it?

What is Emperor Justinian credited with?

Define: Republic

What were the causes for the fall of the Roman Empire?

What impact did the Byzantines have on Russia?

**Unit Three:**

Who is the founder of Islam?

What is something that the kingdoms of Mali, Ghana, and Songhai all have in common?

What is significant about Mecca in terms of Islamic prayer?

What contributions were made during the Golden Age of Islamic Civilization?

**Unit Four:**

How does the fall of the Roman Empire relate to the Middle Ages in Europe?

What was the cause of the Black Death in Europe?

What were the goals of the Crusades? Were they successful?

Define: Manorialism

What are the Renaissance and Reformation? How are they similar?

What is the printing press? What impacts came from its invention?

Who is Niccolo Machiavelli? What was his opinion about rulers?

**Unit Five:**

How are the Maya and Aztec similar?

What technologies helped explorers during the Age of Exploration?

What were the major results from European Exploration?

Define: Columbian Exchange

**Unit Six:**

Define: Absolutism.

How was absolutism supported by divine right?

The scientific revolution promoted knowledge based on what?

Which of the Enlightenment thinkers influenced the American Bill of Rights?

Define: Heliocentric Theory

What is the Tokugawa Shogunate known for?

What is the Enlightenment?