QUIZ REVIEW SHEET

THE WEST IN THE WORLD, Chapter One: Roots of Western Civilization

Chapter One Study Questions

• Where did the earliest human beings originate?
• What factors made the Middle East an ideal place for the development of the earliest complex human societies?
• How would you describe the practice of slavery in the ancient Middle East?
• What does the *Epic of Gilgamesh* tell us about Sumerian society?
• Who were the Indo-Europeans and what were their most significant contributions to Western tradition?
• How would you describe the Egyptian concept of *ma’at*?
• How did Pharaoh Akhenaten try to change Egyptian religion?
• What was the most important contribution of the Phoenicians to Western culture?
• What made the religion of the ancient Hebrews so distinct from that of their contemporaries?
• How did King Solomon violate Jewish law?
• Why did the city of Babylon fall so easily to the Persians in 539 B.C.E.?
• What characteristic does Zoroastrianism share with Judaism?

Chapter One Key Names & Terms

• Paleolithic Period
• Venus figurine
• *Homo sapiens sapiens*
• megaliths
• Neolithic Period
• Mesopotamia
• Sumerian civilization
• ziggurat
• Akkadians
• King Sargon
• *Epic of Gilgamesh*
• cuneiform
• Code of Hammurabi
• Indo-European Language
• Hittites
• Egyptian Old Kingdom
• *ma’at*
• pharaoh

• hieroglyphs
• Egyptian Old, Middle & New Kingdoms
• Pharaoh Hatshepsut
• Pharaoh Akhenaten
• Phoenicians
• Torah
• King David
• King Solomon
• Moses
• Ahab & Jezebel
• Diaspora
• “Second Temple”
• Iron Age
• Assyrians
• Babylonians
• Persian Empire
• Zoroastrianism