**Unit 1 Study Guide**

**Section 1: Early Peoples & Ancient River Valley Civilizations**

1. How did people get their food in the Paleolithic Era?
2. What invention marked the beginning of history?
3. What was the Neolithic Revolution and how did it change the world?
4. What are the four ancient river valley civilizations?
5. What do they share in common?
6. What was the environment of irrigation
7. What does Mesopotamia mean?
8. What was the Fertile Crescent?
9. Why were monsoons important to people in Ancient India?
10. What was the Code of Hammurabi? Was it fair or not? Why?
11. Define cultural diffusion. What are the three ways in which it occurs?
12. How did the geography of early China affect how it interacted with other civilizations?

**Section 2: Classical Civilizations**

1. What are the two classical civilizations?
2. How did Greece’s geography affect its political divisions?
3. What were Greece’s two most famous city-states?
4. What is direct democracy and who developed it? Why is it so important?
5. What was the Silk Road?
6. What did Sparta value?
7. What is Hellenistic culture and who is responsible for it?

**Section 3: Rise and Fall of Great Empires**

1. Why did Rome fall?
2. What was an immediate result of the fall of Rome?
3. What is Rome’s major contribution to western society?
4. What are dynasties and how are they related to the Mandate of Heaven?
5. What is the caste system and which religion is it associated with?

**Section 4: Belief Systems**

Belief Systems You Should Know:

* Hinduism
* Buddhism
* Judaism
* Christianity
* Islam
* Shintoism
* Confucianism

Key Vocabulary

1. Reliance
2. Irrigation