

## WHAP Stuff to Know

### 8000 BCE – 600 BCE

Pangaea and Panthalassa

Oceania

Eurasia

the seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Europe, North America, South America the Middle East

Siberia

the Sahara

the Himalayas

the four oceans: Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean

the Mediterranean Sea the Caribbean Sea

the Panama isthmus and canal; the Suez isthmus and canal

the Nile River

the Tigris and Euphrates rivers

the Indus and Ganges rivers

the Yangtze (Yangzi) and Yellow (Huang Ho) rivers

the Volga, Danube, and Rhine rivers

the Mississippi-Missouri river system

the Amazon River

prehistory versus history

features of civilization

stages of hominid development:

australopithecines, *Homo habilis*, *Homo erectus*, *Homo sapiens* (Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon), *Homo sapiens sapiens* (modern humans)

the Stone Age:

the Paleolithic era (ca. 10,000 to 2.5 million years ago) and

the Neolithic era (ca. 5,000 or 6,000 to 10,000 years ago) also

the Mesolithic era (10,000 to 12,000 years ago)

family units, clans, and tribes

hunting and gathering (foraging)

society's gender division of labor

the Neolithic revolution (ca. 10,000 to 12,000 years ago)

environmental determinism/geographic luck (Jarred Diamond, *Guns, Germs & Steel*)

the domestication of animals and plants:

pastoralism and agriculture

herding societies

civilization; definitions and meaning

the city (significance)

specialization of labor

metallurgy and metalworking

the Bronze Age (ca. 3500-4200 B.C.E.)

writing

cuneiform

Mesopotamia: Samaria and Babylon

the Fertile Crescent (the Tigris and Euphrates rivers)

the Epic of Gilgamesh

the Code of Hammurabi

Egypt (the Nile River)

the Egyptian Book of the Dead

pyramids

hieroglyphics

the Aryan migration to India the Dravidians

Indus valley civilization

early China

the Celts

the Hittites and iron weapons

the Assyrians and cavalry warfare