

WHAP Stuff to Know

600 BCE – 600 CE

the Persian Empire
the Hebrews and monotheism
the Phoenicians and the alphabet
the Lydians and coinage
the Greek city-states (incl. Sparta and Athens)
democracy
the Persian Wars
the Peloponnesian War
Alexander the Great
Hellenism
Homer, Socrates and Plato
Aristotle and the foundations of Western scientific thought
the Roman Republic
plebeians versus patricians
the Punic Wars
Julius Caesar
the Roman Empire
China's Qin (Ch'in) and Han, dynasties
Shi Huangdi
the Chinese tributary system
the Silk Road
Heian Japan
the Fujiwara clan
Lady Murasaki and *The Tale of Genji*
Central Asia and Mongolia
the Indian caste system
Ashoka
Constantinople and the Byzantine Empire
Justinian
early medieval Europe (the "Dark Ages")
feudalism
Charlemagne
Mohammed and the foundation of Islam
Nubia
Ghana
the Olmec
the Maya Andean societies
the Mississippian culture
the Anasazi
cultural diffusion versus independent innovation
class distinctions, hierarchy, and social stratification

patriarchies and matriarchies
aristocracy (nobility or noble class)
parliamentary bodies oligarchy
republics and democracies
theocracy
slavery versus serfdom
trade and trade routes
religious interaction and missionary activity
migration
the Bantu migrations, the Polynesian migrations, and Eurasia's great age of migrations
polytheism
Zoroastrianism (the Avestas & Ahura Mazda)
Judaism and monotheism (the Ten Commandments, the Torah, the Talmud)
YHWH (Yahweh or Jehovah) and the Messiah
Abraham
Moses and the Exodus from Egypt (Passover)
David and Solomon
the Jewish Diaspora
Vedism (the Rig-Veda)
Hinduism (the Upanishads, the Mahabharata, the Bhagavad-Gita)
samsara, karma, and dharma
Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva and the Laws of Manu
Buddhism (the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path)
Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha)
nirvana
Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism
Daoism (the Tao-te Ching and the I Ching)
Laozi (Lao-tzu)
K'ung Fu-tzu (Confucius)/Confucianism (the Analects)
the Mandate of Heaven
the Judeo-Christian tradition
Jesus of Nazareth (Jesus Christ)
the Bible (Old and New testaments)
the Crucifixion and Resurrection (Easter)
Peter and Paul
Constantine and the Edict of Milan
Saint Augustine
Eastern Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism