

Review Questions Worksheets

for

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Introduction: How Do We Know What Happened?

What is History?

1. What do we call someone who reads letters, journals, and monuments to find out about the past?

2. What do we call the story that historians write about the past?

What is Archaeology?

1. What do archaeologists do?

2. What kinds of things did people leave behind them, in the story we read?

Chapter 7: Hammurabi and the Babylonians

Hammurabi and the Babylonians

1. Why did Hammurabi want to be king?

2. What city did Hammurabi rule?

3. What did Hammurabi write down on a stone document?

4. What were these laws called?

5. Who had to obey these laws?

6. Summarize any one of these laws.

Chapter 17: The Phoenicians

Phoenician Traders

1. Where did the Phoenicians live?

2. What were they good at?

3. The Phoenicians made glass. Do you remember what two things they made glass from?

4. What special way of shaping glass did the Phoenicians invent?

5. What did they make their purple dye from?

6. Why was purple called "the color of the kings"?

The Founding of Carthage

1. What is a colony?

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2. What was the name of the little Phoenician colony that grew into a big city?

3. What princess helped to start Carthage?

4. Why did this princess have to leave her home?

5. Why did she want to start the city of Carthage near the water?

Chapter 25: The Aryans of India

Life on the Ganges River

1. What were the people who settled in ancient India called?

2. Where did they come from?

3. What were the names of the two big rivers that they settled near?

4. Why did they settle near the Ganges and Indus Rivers?

5. What was the name of the chief god of the Indian Aryans?

6. Why did the river-goddess Ganga get angry at Shiva?

7. What did Shiva do when he saw that Ganga was getting ready to jump down to the earth?

8. Which river was named after Ganga?

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9. What do we call people who believe in Shiva and Ganga?

The Castes of Ancient India

1. What were the four different castes of ancient India?

2. How did you know what caste you belonged in?

3. What was the best caste to live in?

4. What were the people called who didn't belong to any caste?

5. What kind of work did they do?

6. What story did the Hindus tell to explain castes?

Chapter 25: The Aryans of India

Siddhartha

1. Why did Siddhartha leave his palace and wander through the world?

2. What did Siddhartha teach all men to do?

3. What was Siddhartha's new name?

4. What were his followers called?

Chapter 30: The People of the Americas

The Nazca Drawings

1. What is a continent?

2. There are three different "Americas." The first is South America; what are the other two?

3. South America has flat land in the middle. What does it have all along one edge?

4. What was the name of the South American tribe that made drawings on the ground?

5. How big were the drawings?

6. Tell what some of the drawings were of.

7. Archaeologists don't know how the Nazca people made their drawings, but they have two guesses. What methods might the Nazca have used to draw these big lines?

Chapter 30: The People of the Americas

The Heads of the Olmecs

1. What does "Meso" mean?

2. What does "Mesoamerica" mean?

3. What is the other name that we use for "Mesoamerica"?

4. What was the name of the tribe that lived in Central America?

5. Where did the rich Olmec people live?

6. Where did the poor people live?

7. What kind of pyramid did the Olmecs build in the middle of their city?

8. What kind of sculptures did they make?

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Rabbit Shoots the Sun

1. What two countries are now in North America?

2. Way up in the northern part of North America, where it is too cold to grow crops, what did the ancient people eat?

3. How about people in the middle part of North America? What did they eat?

4. Did the people of North America live in cities?

5. In the story of "Rabbit Shoots the Sun," why did Rabbit decide to shoot the sun?

6. What happened when Rabbit's arrow hit the sun?

7. What color did the bush turn when the fire scorched it?

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8. Was Rabbit still brave and bold at the end of the story?

9. Did the sun still jump over the edge of the world in a hurry?

Chapter 31: The Roman Republic

The Roman Builders

1. List three things that the Romans built.

2. What were the Roman roads made out of?

3. Can you still see Roman roads today?

4. What did aqueducts do?

5. What did the Romans use the water for?

The Roman Gods

1. Whose gods did the Romans worship?

2. What were some of their names?

3. Why did Proserpine have to stay with Pluto for six months of the year?

4. What season of the year comes when Proserpine is underground with Pluto?

The Roman Gladiators

1. What did gladiators do?

2. Why did Servius have to be a gladiator?

3. Where did Servius learn how to fight?

4. Did he want to be a fighter?

The Gladiator School

1. Did Servius feel lucky to be a gladiator?

2. What is a secutor?

3. What did Servius do in his first match when the net-fighter stumbled?

4. Did the Romans like to see gladiators die?

Chapter 40: Lands East of China

The Three Kingdoms of Korea

1. What were the names of the three kingdoms on the peninsula of Korea?

2. How did the Goguryeo respond to Han rule in Korea?

3. What happened to the lands ruled by the Goguryeo after King Micheon died?

4. How did young King Sosurim help the country of Goguryeo survive?

5. Why did they call King Guanggaeto “The Great Expander”?

The Yamato of Japan

1. How many large islands make up Japan?

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2. The Yamato emperors said they were the descendants of which Japanese goddess?

3. What made Amaterasu's brother, the sea-god Susano, jealous?

4. Where did Susano flee after losing the war against his sister?

5. Why were the old man and the old woman weeping?

6. To keep the girl hidden from the serpent, what did Susano change her into?

7. After Susano chopped the servant into eighty pieces, what did he find inside its body?

8. When Amaterasu saw that Japan was noisy and full of battles, what did she do?

9. Name at least two of the sacred objects that Amaterasu gave to her grandson, Ninigi.
