

## **Eurasian History: Review**

**Directions:** Using your knowledge, your completed homework, your text and other sources, make sure that you can answer the questions below. If you can answer them in detail (without using the external sources listed above) you should be quite ready to do well during the performance assessment.

### **Questions:**

#### **THE RING OF GYGES**

- Who wrote “The Ring of Gyges”?
- What are the central elements of the story in “The Ring of Gyges”?
- What does the story symbolize?

#### **ANCIENT GREECE AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS**

- What is the etymology of the terms “monarchy,” “oligarchy,” “tyranny,” and “democracy” and what are the power relationships in each system?
- How were the systems of government practiced in ancient Athens and how and why did the systems transition in ancient Athens?
- What were the “polis” and the “acropolis” in Greek city states? What functions did they serve?
- How were the majority of tyrants viewed by the majority in ancient Greece in comparison to how we use the term “tyrant” today?
- What were the changes brought by Draco (621 B.C.E.), Solon (594 B.C.E.), and Cleisthenes (c. 508 B.C.E.)? What did these leaders do to reshape the system of law and government in ancient Athens?
- What are the arguable positive and negative elements of the systems of monarchy, aristocracy, oligarchy, and direct democracy?
- How did class and gender affect education in Ancient Athens?
- Who was allowed and who was not allowed to participate in politics in Ancient Athens?

#### **ATHENS AND SPARTA**

- What were the major differences between Athens and Sparta with regard to the structure of the societies and their political systems?
- What were the causal factors that led each society to be so different from the other?

## ROMAN AND ITS MILITARY

- What were the major weapons, organizational strategies, and tactics that the Roman military used to gain success in so many of its battles?
- Who made up the military in the early Roman Republic?
- What problems did the early Roman Republic face as the Republic expanded?
- What was the purpose of Rome's "Eagle Standard" with regard to its military?
- What aspects of Roman military traditions did Hitler's Nazi forces and other modern armies adopt?
- What did Gaius Marius do with regard to reforming the Roman military?
- What were the causes of Rome's defeat in the forests of Northern Germany in 9 A.D./C.E. and what were the effects of this defeat?
- What marked the limits of Rome's Empire in the north of Europe?
- As Rome conquered territories, what were the various ways that people were treated with regard to legal rights?
- What were the causes and effects of the three Punic Wars with Carthage?
- What was the connection between the expansion of slavery and success in war in ancient Rome? What was the net effect of the increasing use of slavery on Rome's economy?
- As Rome's military successes grew, what problems arose within the military and in the broader society?
- What was the significance of Julius Caesar "crossing the Rubicon" and what did it symbolize for the Roman Republic?

## ROMAN GOVERNMENT AND LAW

- How, when, and why was the Roman Republic established?
- What is the major difference between a Direct Democracy and a Democratic Republic?
- What are the major differences and similarities between the Roman Republic and that of the United States of America?
- Who were the *patricians* and *plebeians* in Roman society and how did the two groups figure into political power in ancient Rome?
- How did the writing of the Twelve Tables come about in ancient Rome? What was significant about this document?
- What were the central areas of law covered in the Twelve Tables?
- What problems existed in ancient Rome based on the laws the Romans created to address them?

**Note on test review strategy:** I recommend trying to answer these questions based on your own knowledge first. If you are confident about an answer, you may choose to check the circle and move on. Once you have run down the list, look at the questions that you are not able to answer on your own and consult your homework and your textbook to address the question.