Chapter 3 Study Guide

Terms

1. Code of Hammurabi
2. cradle of civilization
3. cuneiform
4. Egypt: “the gift of the Nile”
5. *Epic of Gilgamesh*
6. Harappa & Mohenjo Daro
7. Hatshepsut
8. Hebrews
9. Hieroglyphs
10. Hittites
11. Hyksos
12. Indus Valley
13. Mandate of Heaven
14. Mesopotamia
15. Minoan civilization
16. Norte Chico/Caral
17. Nubia
18. Olmec civilization
19. oracle bones
20. patriarchy
21. pharaoh
22. Phoenicians
23. Pyramid
24. Quipu
25. rise of the state
26. salinization
27. Sanxingdui
28. Shang dynasty
29. Son of Heaven
30. Teotihuacán
31. Uruk
32. Xia dynasty
33. Zhou dynasty
34. Ziggurat

Margin Review Questions

1. When and where did the First Civilizations emerge?
2. What accounts for the initial breakthroughs to civilization?
3. What was the role of cities in the early civilizations?
4. In what ways was social inequality expressed in early civilizations?
5. In what ways have historians tried to explain the origins of patriarchy?
6. What were the sources of state authority in the First Civilizations?

Document 3.1: In Search of Eternal Life

1. How would you define the Mesopotamian ideal of kingship? What is the basis of the monarch’s legitimacy?
2. What understanding of the afterlife does the epic suggest?
3. What philosophy of life comes across in the Gilgamesh story?

Document 3.2: Law and Justice in Ancient Mesopotamia

1. If you knew nothing else about ancient Mesopotamia, what could you conclude from the Code of Hammurabi about the economy and society of this ancient civilization in the eighteenth century b.c.e.? How might you describe the economy of the region? What distinct social groups are mentioned in the code? What rights did women enjoy and to what restrictions were they subject?

Document 3.3: The Afterlife of the Pharaoh

1. How is the afterlife of the pharaoh represented in this text?

Document 3.4: A New Basis for Egyptian Immortality

1. What changes in Egyptian religious thinking does the Negative Confession mark?

Document 3.5: The Occupations of Old Egypt

1. What does learning to write offer to a young Egyptian? What advantages of a scribal position are suggested in the document?