Chapter 7 Study Guide

Terms:

1. Ancestral Pueblo
2. Apedemek
3. Axum
4. Bantu expansion
5. Batwa
6. Cahokia
7. Chaco Phenomenon
8. Chavín
9. Coptic Christianity
10. Ezana
11. Hopewell culture
12. Jenne-jeno
13. Maya
14. Meroë
15. Moche
16. Mound Builders
17. Nazca
18. Niger Valley civilization
19. Pueblo
20. “semi-sedentary”:
21. Teotihuacán
22. Tikal

Margin Questions

1. How did the history of Meroë and Axum reflect interaction with neighboring civilizations?
2. In what ways did the arrival of Bantu-speaking peoples stimulate cross-cultural interaction?
3. With what Eurasian civilizations might the Maya be compared? Explain.
4. What kind of influence did Chavín exert in the Andes region?
5. In what ways were the histories of the Ancestral Pueblo and the Mound Builders similar to each other, and how did they differ?

Document 7.1: A Guidebook to the World of Indian Ocean Commerce

1. Based on the list of imports and exports, how would you describe Axum’s role in the international commerce of the first century C.E.?
2. How might Axum’s participation in long-distance trade have stimulated and sustained its growth as an empire?

Document 7.2: The Making of an Axumite Empire

1. How would you describe the point of view from which the document was written?
2. How might you account for the obvious Greek influence that is apparent in the inscription?

Document 7.3: The Coming of Christianity to Axum

1. According to this document, by what means was Christianity introduced to Axum? What do you think was the relative importance of Frumentius and Aedesius, as opposed to Roman merchants living in Axum?
2. How does the fact that this document was written by outsiders shape the emphasis of the story?

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Document 7.4: A Byzantine View of an Axumite Monarch

1. What evidence in the document suggests that the Byzantine authorities considered King Kaleb an equal? What evidence might suggest that they saw him as a subordinate?

Document 7.5: Axum and the Gold Trade

1. How would you define the pattern of exchange described in this document? Was it state-directed trade, private enterprise, or both? To what problems of cross-cultural interaction was it a response?