**Unit 1 Study Guide Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Land with different territories and peoples under a single rule is also known as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The spread of cultural elements from one society to another is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the process of supplying water to areas of land to make them suitable for growing crops.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the belief in one god.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is the Belief in many gods.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a government run by religious leaders
7. An ancient Egyptian writing system in which pictures were used to represent ideas and sounds is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means the land between the rivers (Tigris and Euphrates)
9. A writing developed by the Sumerians using wedge shaped stylus and clay tablets is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the king of ancient Egypt who was considered a god as well as a political and military leader.
11. What was a major advantage of the Chinese system of writing?
12. How did new rulers in China justify overthrowing a declining existing dynasty?
13. To restore social order, harmony, and good government, Confucius believed it was necessary for society to be organized around what general category?
14. Why are rivers so important in the development of early civilizations?
15. Hinduism and Buddhism have a common belief in what?
16. The social class system that came to be known as the caste system was established in India by who?
17. The most sacred writings of the Jewish religion are the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
18. The most able seafarers of the early Mediterranean were who?
19. The Phoenicians contributed greatly to written communication by introducing the first use of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ symbols.
20. The Hebrews believed that God protected them because of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
21. A long-term effect of the caste system in India was that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remained dominant.
22. What is the significance of Hammurabi’s Code?
23. How did Hammurabi’s Code impact the administration of justice?
24. Which dynasty lasted longer than any other in Chinese history?

**Short Discussion Questions:**

1. How were the major early civilizations similar? Describe three ways in which the major civilizations discussed in this unit were similar.
2. What does the construction of the pyramids reveal about ancient Egyptians? Explain.
3. What role did major rivers play in the development of early civilizations?
4. What do you think was the most important achievement of each of the civilizations discussed in this unit? Explain your choices.
5. What was most important about Hammurabi's Code, both in terms of its value to the Mesopotamian civilization and what it reveals about that society?
6. What religious beliefs did each of the civilizations covered in this unit develop? How did they differ?