EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: EGYPT

- **GEOGRAPHY**: NILE RIVER, SAHARA DESERT
- **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**: HIEROGLYPHICS (WRITING SYSTEM), PYRAMIDS, PAPYRUS (LIKE PAPER), MUMMIFICATION
- **PHARAOH**: ABSOLUTE RULER
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: MESOPOTAMIA

- **GEOGRAPHY**: TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES (FERTILE CRESCENT)
- **SUMER**: CUNEIFORM (1st WRITING), ZIGGARUTS
- **BABYLONIAN**: HAMMURABI’S CODE (1st WRITTEN LAW)
- **PHOENICIANS**: “CARRIERS OF CIVILIZATIONS,” SPREAD CULTURES, AND HAD MODERN ALPHABET
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

INDIA

• GEOGRAPHY: MONSOONS (SEASONAL WINDS), PENINSULA-CULTURAL DIVERSITY

• EARLY INDUS RIVER VALLEY: HARAPPA AND MOHENJO-DARO (URBAN PLANNING)

• ARYANS TOOK OVER THE DRAVIDIANS, ESTABLISH HINDUSIM AND CASTE SYSTEM.

• TWO MAJOR EMPIRES:
  1) MAURYA-1\textsuperscript{st} TO UNITE, ASOKA SPREAD BUDDHISM
  2) GUPTA=GOLDEN AGE OF INDIA
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: CHINA

• **GEOGRAPHY**: MOUNTAINS AND OTHER GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES CREATE CULTURAL ISOLATION → ETHNOCENTRISM.
• MOST PEOPLE LIVE IN EASTERN CHINA (FERTILE SOIL)
• USE OF TERRACE FARMING (FARMING ON THE SIDES OF MOUNTAINS)
• **DYNASTIC CYCLE AND MANDATE OF HEAVEN** (RIGHT TO RULE COMES FROM GOD)
• ACCOMPLISHMENTS: SEE QUESTION # 5
• **SILK ROAD**: TRADE ROUTES BETWEEN EUROPE AND CHINA
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: JAPAN

- **GEOGRAPHY**: ARCHIPELAGO (CHAIN OF ISLANDS). WATER INFLUENCES ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE (DIET, RELIGION)
- INFLUENCED GREATLY BY KOREA AND CHINA (LOCATION)
- LACK OF FLAT PLAINS LEADS TO USE OF TERRACE FARMING
- JAPANESE USE SELECTIVE BORROWING. HAVE A HOMOGENOUS CULTURE
- USED FEUDALISM TO MAINTAIN STABILITY. INCLUDED RANKS OF SHOGUN, SAMURAI, PEASANTS, ETC.
- **TOKUGAWA SHOGUNATE**: JAPAN IS ISOLATED UNDER THE RULE OF THE SHOGUN, NOT EMPEROR.
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: AFRICA

- **GEOGRAPHY**: Sahara Desert divides Africa into two distinct parts. Regular coastline makes it hard to establish ports.
- **BANTU MIGRATION**: Due to lack of food.
- **SLASH AND BURN AGRICULTURE**.
- **WEST AFRICAN KINGDOM**: Gold and Salt trade (Ghana, Mali, Songhai).
- **MANSAS MUSA**: Mali ruler whose Hajj to Mecca spread Islam, gold, and African traditions.
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: ISLAMIC DYNASTIES

- UNITED MUCH OF THE MIDDLE EAST UNDER ISLAM-SPREAD TO NORTH AFRICA, PARTS OF EUROPE
- PRESERVED GREEK AND ROMAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS (MATH, SCIENCE)
- ABBASSID AND UMAYYAD WERE THE NAMES OF THE DYNASTIES
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

MONGOLS

• SUPERIOR WARRIORS, NOMADIC LIFESTYLE
• TOOK OVER LARGEST EMPIRE IN HISTORY-INCLUDED MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES/PEOPLES
• GENGHIS/KUBLAI KHAN