EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

ANCIENT GREECE

• GEOGRAPHY: MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN LED TO THE CREATION OF CITY STATES. PENINSULA/ARCHIPELAGO

• ATHENIANS: DIRECT DEMOCRACY, PEOPLE HAVE MORE FREEDOMS, ENCOURAGED EDUCATION

• SPARTA: MILITARY! WOMAN HAD MORE FREEDOM THAN IN ATHENS

• ACCOMPLISHMENTS: PHILOSOPHY, COMEDY, COLUMNS, POTTERY
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:
ALEXANDER THE GREAT

• MACEDONIAN (NOT GREEK)
• GREAT MILITARY LEADER: HUGE EMPIRE
• SPREAD HELLENISTIC CULTURE: MIXTURE OF VARIOUS CULTURES INTO ONE (CULTURAL DIFFUSION)
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

ROME

- **GEOGRAPHY**: PENINSULA/LOCATION NEXT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
- **ROMAN REPUBLIC**: 509-44 BCE-ELECTED OFFICIALS
- **JULIUS CAESAR**: GREAT MILITARY GENERAL, DICTATOR THAT ENDED THE REPUBLIC
- **PAX ROMANA**: GOLDEN AGE/HIGH POINT OF ROMAN CIVILIZATION
- **CONSTANTINE**: MADE CHRISTIANITY THE OFFICIAL RELIGION OF ROME
- **FALL OF ROMAN EMPIRE**: ESPM- LED TO CHAOS AND DISORDER IN EUROPE
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: BYZANTINES AND RUSSIANS

- **GEOGRAPHY:** CROSSROADS OF TRADE-EUROPE/ASIA
- **BYZANTINE-EASTERN ROMAN EMPIRE**
- **PRESERVED GREEK/ROMAN CULTURE (JUSTINIAN’S CODE)**
- **SENT MISSIONARIES THAT DEVELOPED RUSSIAN ALPHABET (CYRILLIC)/CULTURE**
- **RUSSIANS TAKEN OVER BY MONGOLS-CUT OFF TO THE REST OF EUROPE**
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: EUROPE UP UNTIL THE CRUSADES

- **GEOGRAPHY**: MANY PLAINS, MODERATE CLIMATE
- **DARK AGES**: LIMITED GROWTH/LEARNING
- **FEUDALISM**: POLITICAL SYSTEM OF DECENTRALIZED MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS (SET UP SOCIAL CLASS SYSTEM)
- **MANORIALISM**: ECONOMIC SYSTEM-SELF SUFFICIENCY
- **THE CHURCH PROVIDED MANY SERVICES (SALVATION)**, **THUS BECOMING THE MOST POWERFUL/WEALTHY ENTITY IN EUROPE. WAS THE MOST UNIFIYING FEATURE IN EUROPE**
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: CRUSADES

- **WAR BETWEEN CHRISTIANS-MUSLIMS FOR CONTROL OF THE HOLY LAND**
- **POPE URBAN II/COUNCIL OF CLERMONT**
- **MANY DIED/LASTS OVER 200 YEARS**
- **CHRISTIANS DO NOT WIN, BUT TRADE INCREASED BETWEEN EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST-HELPS EUROPE INCREASE LEARNING (“SUCCESSFUL FAILURE”)**
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: RENAISSANCE

• “REBIRTH” OF CLASSICAL CULTURE
• HUMANISM: APPRECIATION OF INDIVIDUAL (LIFE ON EARTH)
• DA VINCI/MICHELANGELO
• MACCHIAVELLI: BETTER TO BE FEARED THAN LOVED, ENDS JUSTIFY MEANS
• SHAKESPEARE
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

BLACK DEATH

• BUBONIC PLAGUE

• SPREAD BY RATS/FLEAS-STARTED IN CHINA ➔ SPREAD TO BYZANTINES ➔ EUROPE

• RAVAGED EUROPE 1348-1350 (25 MILLION PEOPLE)

• FEUDALISM ENDS, CHURCH LOSES POWER
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

PROTESTANT REFORMATION

• CHURCH USED CORRUPT PRACTICES, SPENT LAVISHLY
• MARTIN LUTHER PROTESTS THE SALE OF INDULGENCES WITH THE 95 THESES
• PROTESTANT (“PROTEST”) SECTS ARE FORMED
• HELPED BY GUTENBERG’S PRINTING PRESS (INCREASED LITERACY)
• ENDS RELIGIOUS UNITY IN EUROPE
EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: THE AGE OF EXPLORATION

- REASONS: GOD, GOLD, AND GLORY
- COLUMBUS “DISCOVERED” THE NEW WORLD
- CONQUISTADORS USED SUPERIOR WEAPONS AND DISEASE TO TAKE OVER NATIVES (CORTES TOOK OVER THE AZTECS IN MEXICO AND PIZARRO TOOK OVER THE INCAS IN PERU)
- EUROPEANS SET UP A RIGID CLASS SYSTEM WHERE PENINSULARES (PEOPLE BORN IN EUROPE) WERE ON TOP
- TRANS ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE STARTS-AFRICANS BEGIN FORCED MIGRATION TO NEW WORLD PLANTATIONS
- ENCOMIENDA SYSTEM=FORCED LABOR OF NATIVES
- COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE (CULTURAL DIFFUSION) TRANSFER OF PEOPLE, PLANTS, CROPS, IDEAS BETWEEN NEW AND OLD WORLD