## STUDY GUIDE FOR UNIT TEST 7: CIVILIZATIONS IN AFRICA & THE AMERICAS

How To Study: Your class notes are your best resource for studying. You may also use your textbook.

• Bantu Migrations (pp. 222-224) • African Civilizations (pp. 413-427) • American Civilizations (pp. 446-463) • Glossary (p. R40)

Format: 35-45 multiple-choice questions

Part I – Key Terms: Define the following key terms.

Sahara	Axum	
savanna	Swahili	
desertification	Great Zimbabwe	
migration	Maya	
Bantu-speaking peoples	glyphs	
animism	codex	
griots	Aztec	
Ghana	Tenochtitlan	
gold-salt trade	chinampas	
Mali	Inca	
Mansa Musa	quipu	
Songhai	terraces	

Part II – Study Questions: Write a full paragraph (at least 5 sentences) in response to each question.

1) Describe some key characteristics of Africa's geography. Include: size; diverse biomes; and features.

2) Describe the causes and effects of the Bantu migrations.

3) How did the kingdoms of Ghana and Mali gain power? Explain the impact of the leadership of Mansa Musa on the kingdom of Mali.

4) How did the Songhai empire gain, consolidate, and maintain power? Include the importance of trade and Islam in your response.

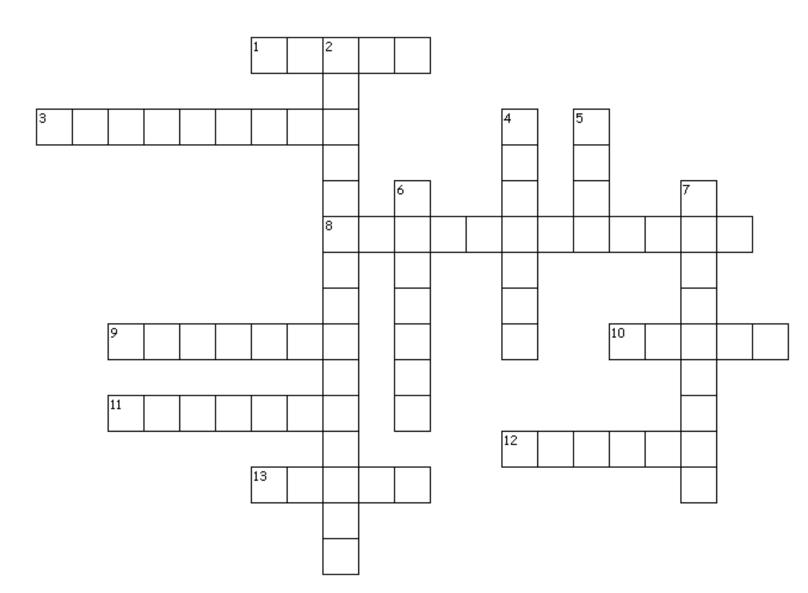
5) Describe the impact of trade and some of the key characteristics of: the Kingdom of Axum; the African trading cities; and the city of Great Zimbabwe.

6) Explain how the Maya needed to innovate to meet the challenges of their geography. Describe some key features of the Mayan Golden Age. What are some theories for the Mayan decline?

7) Explain how the Aztecs gained, consolidated, and maintained power. Describe some of their most significant achievements. How did they need to innovate?

8) Explain how the Inca gained, consolidated, and maintained power. Describe some of their most significant achievements. How did they need to innovate?

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1. a book made on tree bark by the Maya	2. the process by which fertile land becomes desert
3. "floating gardens" built by the Aztecs	4. language that mixed Arabic words with Bantu, an
8. capital city of the Aztec empire, built on a lake	African language
9. West African empire that conquered Mali	5. west african empire that flourished from 1235 to the
10. West African kingdom that flourished in the 9th-11th	1400s
centuries	6. the belief that every living and nonliving thing in nature
11. grassy plains with few trees	has a spirit
12. poets, musicians, and storytellers who maintained	7. ruler of Mali considered one of the richest people in
oral history in West Africa	history
13. knotted strings used by Incan officials for keeping	
records	