History Senior Comprehensive Exam Study Guide

Non-Western Civilization

Student should be knowledgeable about the origin of humanity.

Students should be knowledgeable about culture and the ways that elements of culture spread and influence how people live.

What is history? Its key traits or characteristics?

Religion and Philosophy

Be familiar with ancient religion, major world religions, their origins, how and where they spread, their basic beliefs and concepts.

- Polytheism
- Monotheism
- Christianity
- Islam
- Buddhism
- Hinduism

Students should have familiarity with the following:

Economy

- The Paleolithic Age
- The Agricultural Revolution
- Trade - Its importance in connecting different parts of the world and the spread of major religions and other elements of culture and politics.

Class

- Slavery
- Atlantic Slave Trade
- Dependency Theory

Major Leaders

- The Buddha
- Confucius
- Abraham
- Jesus
Muhammad
Colonization and de-colonization
Cold War
Capitalism
Communism

U.S. History
The peopling of the Americas
The “discovery” of the New World and establishment of the American colonies
Rise of Slavery
The Enlightenment in America
American Revolutionary War
Its Causes
The results
The idea of freedom and the Revolutionary War

Major leaders in American history
George Washington
Andrew Jackson
Abraham Lincoln
Theodore Roosevelt
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Rise of the Cotton South and the spread of slavery
The Second Great Awakening and related reform movements

The Civil War and its causes
The industrializing United States and expansion abroad

Civil Rights
The major developments and events in the struggle for civil rights.
Major figures in African American history
Booker T. Washington
W.E.B. Du Bois
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Malcolm X

World War II
Cold War
Greek Philosophy