Study Guide: Chapter 11 & 14

Years to know: range of years for post-classical era; Aztec migration to valley of Mexico & establishment of Tenochtitlan; creation of Aztec Empire through union of key cities around Lake Texcoco; foundation of the Inca Empire; peak centuries of the Mongol Empire; years of Yuan dynasty; the Crusades; founding year of Ming dynasty; sack of Baghdad; Constantinople conquered by Ottoman Turks; years of bubonic plague (Black Death)

POST-CLASSICAL AMERICA

- What is “Mesoamerica”?
- To what does “pre-Columbian America” refer?
- Identify key nomadic groups of the post-classical era
- Impact of Toltecs on Aztecs
- Location of Aztec & Incan settlement?
- What encouraged Aztec & Incan imperial expansion?
- Strategies used for conquering & controlling their empire
- Describe Aztec & Incan capitals [Tenochtitlan & Cuzco]
- What are: pipiltin, calpulli, ayllu, tambos, quipu,
- Social structures in Aztec & Incan Empires
  - role of nobility?
- Agricultural techniques of Aztecs & Inca
- Explain tribute systems in Aztec & Inca Empires
  - similarities & differences?
- Describe the Aztec & Incan economies
  - Which had greater free, long-distance trade?
- Aztec & Incan religion
  - Explain sun-god worship in both
  - Aztec view of history
    - major deities & cults for Aztecs
    - similarities & differences in religious rituals
- Roles of post-classical American women
- Did the Aztecs have a writing system? The Inca?
- Compare & Contrast the Aztec & Incan Empires with the Roman Empire, Mongol Empire, and post-classical W. African civilizations
- Cahokia

MONGOLS!

- What are pastoralists?
- Chinggis (Genghis) Khan
- What factors enabled rapid Mongol expansion?
  - goal?
    - military (describe)
    - terror tactics (describe)
    - weaknesses of neighboring powers (examples?)
    - religious policy of Mongols (examples?)
  - preserve Mongol way of life (examples?)
- Examples of cultural diffusion & how Mongols were successful in spreading culture
- treatment of Mongol women
- Impact of Mongol Empire on inter-regional trade
- Un-intended impacts of Mongol expansion
  - Black Death & its impact on W. Europe?
- Yuan dynasty
  - founded by?
    - alterations to Confucian social & political structure?
    - causes of Yuan dynasty decline
- Mongol Russia
  - Golden Horde/Tatars
  - Impacts on Kiev & Moscow
  - What happened to Russian peasants & Orthodox Church
- Middle Eastern conquests – impacts?
- Why did the Mongols not pursue a major invasion of W. Europe?
- What region probably gained the greatest benefit from Mongol conquests? Identify reasons why.
- Who were Marco Polo and Ibn Battuta? Similarities & Differences?
- Causes of Mongol Empire’s decline