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Question 1 of 4

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Please answer ONE (and only one) of the following questions in no less than 350 words (excluding citation and bibliography). You must cite your textbook and any outside sources used and include a bibliography after the essay.

1. What made the Israelites unique in the Ancient world?

Throughout history there have been many different types of civilizations in the Ancient world. One of the most interesting civilizations is that of the Israelites. This civilization was interesting due to the fact that they were unique to other civilizations that can be studied in the Ancient world.

It is very important to understand how the Israelites came about. The Israelites came about by prevailing when they created an state that was independent from other states when Egypt collapsed. The Israelites state was located in the Fertile Crescent on the western side of it (McKay, 2012, p. 53). The Israelites “created a new form of religious belief” (McKay, 2012, p. 53). McKay (2012) pointed out that this religious belief was one that was “based on the worship of an all-powerful god they called Yahweh” (p. 53). The Israelites wrote down their thoughts on this God and the writings formed what was known as the Hebrew Bible. It is very important to point out that the writings of the Israelites helped define them and making the Hebrew Bible one of “the most important written record[s] that exists from this period (McKay, 2012, p. 53). The Israelites religion helped shape the world into what it is today because Hebrew Bible was passed down “to the other Western monotheistic religions that grew from it, Christianity and Islam” (McKay, 2012, p. 53).

With all of this information, it is very important to point out two of the things that make it unique in the Ancient world. One of the unique things about the Israelites is that they wrote down their thoughts and it has been followed closely for many centuries. It helped form the religion of Judaism. However, the most unique thing about the Israelites was their religion in which they worshiped only one God known as “Yahweh” (McKay, 2012, p. 53).

Throughout history there have been civilizations that were unique to their time but they have helped shape the world into what it is today. A civilization that was different than the other civilizations in the Ancient world was the Israelites. This civilization helped shape the world into what it is today.

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Please answer ONE (and only one) of the following questions in no less than 350 words (excluding citation and bibliography). You must cite your textbook and any outside sources used and include a bibliography after the essay.

2. How were Vietnam and Korea influenced by Chinese rule?

In history there are times that we can look at and notice how one civilization has influenced other civilizations. One such case in when the Chinese rule influenced both Vietnam and Korea. It is very important to look at the civilizations that have influenced other civilizations in order to get a clear picture of history. The reason why it is important is because it can show how the world was shaped into what it is today.

When looking at Chinese rule and how it influenced other civilizations one needs to look at the writing system that China had in place. The Chinese had “a logographic writing system” and the “script” was adopted by other countries such as Vietnam and Korea (McKay et all, 2012, p. 98). As a result of these other countries adopting the script, it allowed the countries to be able to communicate with one another even though their language was different from other countries. As a result, the Chinese scripts helped influence both Vietnam and Korea.

Another way that the Chinese rule influenced both Vietnam and Korea was in regards to communication and the scripts that the Chinese used. McKay (2012) found that due to “increased communication [it] simulated state formation among China's neighbors” including both “Vietnam and Japan” (p. 176). As a result of this, many other countries modeled their political systems after China's system. Another thing that is important to note is that the written Chinese was used between different countries which caused it to be used as a shared language between the countries (McKay, 2012, p. 176). In other words, both Vietnam and Korea were influenced by Chinese rule because they both formed similar political models based upon the Chinese.

Another way that we can see how the Chinese rule influenced both Vietnam and Korea is by looking at the Han Dynasty. McKay (2012) noted that when the Han Dynasty “asserted sovereignty over the vast regions” it established garrisons (p. 178). After this was established “traders were quick to follow, leading to considerable spread of Chines material culture in East Asia” (McKay, 2012, p.

178). Therefore, another way that the Chinese rule influenced Vietnam and Korea was that it helped create trading between the civilizations.

Throughout history there have been many different civilizations that have influenced other civilizations. A great example of this was when the Chinese rule influenced many other civilizations including both Vietnam and Korea. By looking at how they were influenced we can see how the Chinese helped shape the world into what it is today.

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Question 3 of 4

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1. What issues did Martin Luther have with the Catholic Church?

Throughout history there have been people that have helped shape their community, religion, or time in which they lived. One person that helped shape the religion they practiced was Martin Luther. Martin Luther lived between 1483 through 1546.

Martin Luther became a priest in the year 1507 and later earned a doctorate in theology (McKay, 2012, p. 442). Starting in 1512 to when he died, Luther “served as a professor of the Scriptures at the new University of Wittenberg” (McKay, 2012, p. 442). During his time Luther became upset with the process of indulgences. McKay (2012) found that an indulgences was “a papal statement granting remission of a priest-imposed penalty for sin” (p. 443). Luther made his issues known about indulgences by writing a letter titled, “Ninety-five Theses on the Power of Indulgences” in Latin (McKay, 2012, p. 443). It is important to note that Luther wrote this in Latin because Latin was the language the people that have studied theology, and is not what a normal person that went to church in this time would be able to read. Even though it was wrote in Latin, someone took it and had it translated into German and his message was spread throughout the empire of the Romans (McKay, 2012, p. 443).

As a result of is message being spread he was ordered to Rome. However, he was able to get out of this because he was protected by the ruler that was over his territory (McKay, 2012, p. 443). Even though he was protected, he was still ordered by the Pope to say that he was wrong. However, Luther did not do this and even “publicly burned the letter containing the papal order” (McKay, 2012, p. 443). As a result of this Luther was then summoned by the “emperor Charles V” to appear at an assembly (McKay, 2012, p. 443). At this assembly he was then again ordered to recant his previous

statements. At this assembly Luther replied and basically said that he does not believe in the position of the Pope or the council that ordered him, because they have made mistakes in the past. Luther went on to say that he followed the Scriptures and the he only answers to God (McKay, 2012, p. 443). In other words, Martin Luther was a man who stood by his word and his thoughts. He did not cave to anyone that felt differently than him. He stood his ground and supported it by the Word of God which was the Scriptures. As a result of this he was followed by many.

In history there have been many people that have helped shape their time by doing something. One of those people was Martin Luther. Martin Luther was a person that helped shape religion during his time by making his issues known to the Catholic Church. Martin Luther was a man who stood by his thoughts and did not back down because he was ordered to do so.

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3. What was exchanged between hemispheres during the Columbian Exchange?

In history one of the major discoveries that has ever taken place was of the New World. After the New World was discovered it led to an exchange of items that has become known as the Columbian Exchange. The Columbian Exchange started to take place after Christopher Columbus discovered the Americas.

It is very important to understand what the Columbian Exchange is in order to answer this question. McNeill, (2013) found that the Columbian Exchange was the trading of animal, plant, and bacterial life of the two worlds (para. 2). The trading started taking place as a result of Christopher Columbus discovering the New World. The two worlds were the Americas which was newly discovered and the Old World which was the civilizations that had already been known to exist. There were many things that were traded between the two worlds. Some of the things traded between the two worlds were “germs, plants, and animals” (McKay, 2012, p. 489). Out of these trades one of the worst was the germs that were traded. The germs that came from the Europeans led to diseases which resulted in many people dying that were from the native land due to the spread of the diseases. Other items that were brought over from the Old World were horses which enabled people to travel faster. Grapes and Olives were brought over from the Old World as well (McKay, 2012, p. 478).

However, this was not the only things that was exchanged between the two worlds. Another thing that was exchanged was slaves “in which Europeans transported, under horrific conditions, many thousands of Africans to labor in the sugar plantations and silver mines of the New World” (McKay, 2012, p. 489). Some of the things that were brought back to the Old World were sugar, silver, potatoes, tomatoes, corn, and other food items.

In history one of the major discoveries that has ever taken place was the discovery of the New World. After the discovery it lead to trading to take place between the Old World and the New World. With these trades it brought change to both of the Worlds.

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