Study Guide

**How to Use This Study Guide:** the following is an outline of the topics for the benchmark. You need to find the info to fill it in if you are going to use it to study. For example, knowing that two city-states are Athens and Sparta is not enough. You need to know more about their culture. You can find this additional info in your notes, your flash cards, your worksheets from class, or your journals(focus questions).

1. Tools of Historians
	1. archaeologists, artifacts, primary and secondary sources, bias, perspective
2. Neolithic Revolution
	1. What were things like before?
	2. What is it?
	3. Things that made it possible
	4. Changes as a result
3. River Valley Civilizations
	1. Where were they?
	2. Why were rivers a good place for civilizations to develop?
	3. Characteristics of civilization and examples
4. Social Class
	1. Examples: India and Egypt
	2. Who is on top? Who is on bottom?
	3. Social mobility
5. Religions (how many gods, founders, main beliefs, area where they are mostly found)
	1. Hinduism
	2. Buddhism
	3. Judaism
	4. Confucianism
6. Two City-States
	* 1. Athens
		2. Sparta
7. Greek Achievements
	* 1. Government
		2. Philosophy
		3. Several more
8. Alexander the Great
	* 1. Empire, Hellenistic Culture, cultural diffusion
9. Rome
	* 1. Republic, patricians, plebeians, Senate, other political positions
10. Roman Achievements:
11. Why does Rome change from a Republic to an Empire?
	* 1. Caesar, Cleopatra, Antony, Octavian, “dictator for life,” Augustus, Pax Romana
12. Christianity
	1. What historians know about Jesus’ life
	2. What Christians believe
	3. How are early Christians treated by the Romans?
	4. Who spreads Christianity around the Roman Empire?
	5. Constantine’s Conversion: reasons and impact on both Christianity and Roman Culture
13. Fall of Rome
	1. Where does the capital of the Roman Empire move to and why?
	2. Military, Economic, Social, and Political Reasons for the fall of Rome
	3. Why is the fall of Rome like a Jenga game?
	4. What are the “Dark Ages” and what caused them?
14. Islam
	1. Founder, holy cities, main beliefs, relationship to Christianity and Judaism, areas where they are mostly found
15. Contributions of Islamic Civilizations (from documents and focus questions for today)