

Ancient Near East

Test 1 Textbook Study Guide

Multiple Choice Items

1. the meaning of "prehistory"
2. the evidence for prehistory
3. Bishop Ussher
4. stratigraphy
5. bone dating
6. morphology
7. paleomagnetic dating
8. radiocarbon dating
9. potassium-argon dating
10. fission-track dating
11. thermoluminescence dating
12. homo erectus
13. the meaning of "culture"
14. the use of fire
15. human vocal development
16. the dates of the Paleolithic Age
17. debates about where homo sapiens appeared
18. the origins of Neanderthals
19. Cro-Magnons
20. the disappearance of Neanderthals
21. climate changes at the end of the last Ice Age
22. the meaning of "Neolithic"
23. Natufian culture
24. evidence for the farm economy at Neolithic Jericho
25. agriculture & technology at Çatal Hüyük
26. religion at Çatal Hüyük
27. Neolithic religion
28. social & economic trends brought on by farming
29. distinguishing attributes of Mesopotamian & Egyptian civilization
30. how geography & climate affected the Mesopotamian outlook
31. "tells"
32. the Ubaid period
33. the meaning of "ziggurat"
34. the Uruk period
35. precursors of writing
36. pictograms and ideograms
37. phonograms and determinatives
38. cuneiform
39. the meaning of the term "Sumerian"
40. the relationship between gods and cities in Sumeria

41. characteristics of Sumerian city-states
42. *lugal*
43. the powers and duties of Sumerian kings
44. Sumerian cosmology
45. the character of the Sumerian gods
46. An
47. Enlil
48. Enki
49. Ninhursag
50. Inanna and Dumuzi
51. the Sacred Marriage
52. the Divine Assembly
53. high priests and priestesses
54. rites and sacrifices
55. the role of cult statues and images
56. Sumerian creation stories
57. the Sumerian Flood Story
58. Sumerian ideas about the afterlife
59. the ziggurat
60. Sumerian school curricula and staff
61. Sumerian metallurgy
62. Sumerian mathematics
63. Urukagina
64. the Sumerian diet
65. the Code of Ur-Nammu
66. Marduk
67. Black Land and Red Land
68. hieroglyphic writing
69. hieratic and demotic writing
70. papyrus
71. the Rosetta Stone
72. the unification of Egypt
73. Upper and Lower Egypt
74. the White Crown and the Red Crown
75. dynasties
76. Narmer
77. Memphis
78. Re
79. Atum
80. Ptah
81. Osiris-Isis-Horus Myth
82. Seth
83. *Ma'at*
84. Egyptian royal power
85. Egyptian royal administration
86. Imhotep

87. the *ka*
88. mummification
89. the building of the Great Pyramid of Khufu
90. the Great Sphinx
91. Egyptian education
92. the Egyptian diet
93. erosion of royal power in the 5th and 6th dynasties
94. Amon-Re
95. the Valley of the Kings
96. Hatshepsut
97. Akhenaton
98. the Aton
99. Nefertiti
100. Akhetaton
101. monotheistic tendencies in Atonism
102. the Great Hymn to the Aton
103. Tutankhamon

Essay Questions (Textbook and Lecture)

1. How do the royal ideologies of the various empires of Mesopotamia and the royal ideology of Egypt resemble one another? How do they differ? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?
2. How do the religions of Mesopotamia and Egypt resemble one another? How are they different? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?
3. How are Mesopotamian and Egyptian social structure similar? How are they different? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?
4. How are the places of women and the structure of families similar in Mesopotamia and Egypt? How are they different? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?
5. How was the relationship between the governmental authorities and the religious establishments similar in Mesopotamia and Egypt? How was it different? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?
6. Contrast the impact of geography and climate on Mesopotamian civilization and life with the impact of geography and climate on Egyptian civilization and life.