

World History Concepts for the Week:

1. Christianity, based on core beliefs about the teachings and divinity of Jesus of Nazareth as recorded by his disciples, drew on Judaism and Roman and Greek (Hellenistic) influences. Despite initial Roman hostility, Christianity spread through the efforts of missionaries and merchants though many parts of Afro-Eurasia, and eventually gained imperial support by the time of Emperor Constantine.
2. Christianity reinforced existing social structures while also offering new roles and status to some men and women; some Christians practices a **monastic** life.
3. Christian art and architecture reflected the values of the religion.
4. Unique social and economic dimensions developed in imperial cities in the Americas such as **Teotihuacan**.
5. The Roman, Han, Persian, Mauryan, and Gupta empires encountered political, cultural, and administrative difficulties that they could not manage, which eventually led to their decline, collapse, and transformation into successor empires or states. These problems included security issues along their frontiers, including the threat of invasions, which challenged imperial authority.
6. The spread of disease pathogens diminished urban populations and contributed to the decline of Han and Roman Empires.

Vocabulary for 3x5 Cards:

Teotihuacan
terracing
city-states

shamans
ritual sacrifice
imperial overstretch

Xiongnu
aristocracy

Date:	Homework:
Mon. 11/2/2015	<p>Read: Strayer p. 272 from "Civilizations of Mesoamerica" to p. 277 "Civilizations of the Andes"</p> <p>Prompt: Analyze the role of technology in the rise and span of Mayan civilization.</p> <p>Use and underline the following terms in your answer: Teotihuacan, terracing</p>
Tue. 11/3/2015	<p>Read: Strayer pp. 299-305 "Considering the Evidence: Art and the Maya Elite"</p> <p>Prompt: What can we infer about the worldview of the Mayan elite from the visual sources on pages 299-305?</p> <p>Use and underline the following terms in your answer: glyphs, city-states</p>
Wed. 11/4/2015	<p>Read: Strayer p. 277 from "Civilization of the Andes" to p. 282 "Alternatives to Civilization: Bantu Africa"</p> <p>Prompt: Identify common elements of Andean-American civilizations.</p> <p>Use and underline the following terms in your answer: shamans, ritual sacrifice</p>
Thur. 11/5/2015	<p>Read: Strayer pp. 138-141 "The Collapse of Empires" (Review)</p> <p>Prompt: Analyze common factors contributing to the collapse of the Classical empires in Eurasia.</p> <p>Use and underline the following terms in your answer: imperial overstretch, Xiongnu, aristocracy</p>
Fri. 11/6/2015	<p>Study: Study for your exam on Tuesday (11/10/2015) – Comparative Essay, and Thursday (11/12/2015) – Multiple Choice. We will review for your exam on Monday in class!</p>