**AP World History Reading & Thinking Note Sheet**

**\*\*It’s about learning the material not just getting it done for a grade\*\***

Ch.6: Eurasian Social Hierarchies (500 B.C.E.-500 C.E.)

**I. Summarize each topic in as much detail as you feel best summarizes the topic & your understanding of it.**

1. Give your impressions of the visual on page 236.
2. Society and the State in Classical China
* Explain the uniqueness of Chinese society.
	+ Chinese state officials
* **An Elite of Officials**
	+ 1st professional civil service
	+ Imperial Academy
	+ Explain the role of wealth
	+ Benefits of imperial service
* **The Landlord Class**
	+ Explain how landowners grew
	+ Benefits of being a landlord
	+ Wang Mang
	+ “Scholar-gentry” class
* **Peasants**
	+ Explain the lives of peasants
	+ Yellow Turban Rebellion
* **Merchants**
	+ Explain the lives of merchants
	+ What were some stereotypes?
	+ Explain some discriminations they faced
1. Class and Caste in India
	* Similarities with China
	* Caste system
* **Caste as Varna**
	+ Origins of the Caste system
	+ *Varna*
	+ Explain the caste system pyramid
		- Brahmins
		- Kshatriyas
		- Vaisya
		- Sudras
		- Untouchables
* **Caste of Jati**
	+ *Jatis*
	+ Explain the divisions within this system
	+ Explain the differences between Indian society and China/Grecco-Roman world
	+ *Karma*
	+ *Dharma*
	+ How was India’s social system different from China’s?
* **The Functions of Caste**
	+ Explain how caste-based social structure shaped India’s civilization.
1. Slavery in the Classical Era: The Case of the Roman Empire
	* Discuss the comparison between slavery and tamed animals.
	* Explain the earliest records of slavery.
* **Slavery and Civilization**
	+ Explain the varieties in slave systems
	+ Explain slavery in the classical civilizations
	+ Look at the comparisons between Greco-Roman slavery and Slavery in the Americas. (pg. 248)
* **The Making of a Slave Society: The Case of Rome**
	+ Explain the notion of slavery in Athens
	+ Explain the practice of slavery in Rome
	+ What was the makeup of the vast majority of Roman slaves?
	+ Impact of Christianity on slavery
	+ Role of slavery in Roman economy
* **Resistance and Rebellion**
	+ Spartacus
	+ Comparison with Haitian Revolution of 1790’s
1. Comparing Patriarchies of the Classical Era
	* Explain how gender inequalities helped shape classical civilizations
	* Provide examples of inequalities
* **A Changing Patriarchy: The Case of China**
	+ *Yang*
	+ *Yin*
	+ “Men go out, women stay in”
	+ “Three obediences
	+ Ban Zhou
	+ Explain women’s roles within the social classes
	+ Women during Tang Dynasty
	+ Empress Wu
	+ Explain how patriarchies weakened in China
* **Contrasting Patriarchies in Athens and Sparta**
	+ Explain women’s roles in Athens
	+ “Teaching a woman to read and write? What a terrible thing to do! Like feeding a snake on more poison.”
	+ Explain their lack of economic power
	+ Aspasia
	+ Explain women’s roles in Sparta
	+ *Helots*
	+ Explain Sparta’s militaristic society
	+ “Come back with your shield….or on it”
	+ Explain some of the freedoms Spartan women had
	+ Sum up the differences between patriarchies in Sparta & Athens