Period 2: Organization and Reorganization of Human Societies 600 B.C.E.-600 C.E.

# Need to Know List

These are the things you should be familiar with before the test. I will teach you some of them; you will learn some from peer presentations, and others you will learn on your own. Keep this list in mind while you read, take PIRATES notes, and make your presentation. Obviously, the idea is not to learn each item separately and only memorize basic facts; you need to connect these items together to paint a larger picture of what is happening in the time period.

**Illustrated Examples (from Key Concepts) Vocabulary**

Influence of Daoism Ancestor veneration

* Medical theories and practices Animism
* Poetry *Bodhisattva*
* Metallurgy Caste system
* Architecture City-state

Ancestor Veneration Classical

* Africa Codification
* The Mediterranean Region *Dao/tao*
* East Asia Diaspora/diasporic communities
* The Andean areas Enlightenment

Literature & Drama Filial piety

* Greek plays Hellenistic
* Indian epics Manifestations

Architectural Styles Merchants

* India Missionaries
* Greece Monarchy
* The Roman Empire Monastery/monastic life/monasticism
* Mesoamerica Monsoon winds

Persian Empires *Rajas*

* Achaemenid Reincarnation
* Parthian Rents
* Sassanid Republic

Administrative Institutions Rituals

* China Sanskrit scriptures
* Persia Scriptures
* Rome Shamanism
* South Asia Sinicization

Cities Social harmony

* Persepolis Universal truths (belief systems)
* Chang’an
* Pataliputra
* Athens **Dates**
* Carthage **6th Century B.C.E**.- life of Buddha,
* Rome Confucius, Lao Tsu, (Beginnings of B, C, T)
* Alexandria **5th Century B.C.E-** Greek Golden Age
* Constantinople Philosophers
* Teotihuacan **323 B.C.E**. - Alexander the Great

Food production/Rewards for loyally **221 B.C.E**. - Qin unified China

* Corvee **32 C.E**. - Beginnings of Christianity
* Slavery **180 C.E**. - end of Pax Romana
* Rents and tributes **220 C.E.** - end of Han Dynasty
* Peasant communities **333** - Roman capital moved Constantinople
* Family and household production **4th C** - Begin of Trans-Sahar Trade Routes

Environmental Damage **476** - Fall of Rome

* Deforestation **527** - Justinian rule of Byzantine Empire
* Desertification
* Soil erosion
* Silted rivers

External problems along frontiers

* Between Han China & the Xiongnu
* Between the Gupta and the White Huns
* Between the Romans and their northern & eastern neighbors

New Technologies

* Yokes
* Saddles
* Stirrups

Domesticated pack animals

* Horses
* Oxen
* Llamas
* Camels

Innovations in maritime technologies

* Lateen sails
* Dhow ships

Farming & Irrigation techniques

* The Qanat system

Effects of the spread of disease on empires

* The effects of disease on the Roman Empire
* The effects of disease on Chinese empire