

# NCFE Review

Day 1 - Units 1-3

# Prehistory & Neolithic Revolution

- **Prehistory:** Time before human record (AKA writing)
  - People lived as nomadic hunter-gatherers
- And then.....





- **LET THERE BE FARMING!**
- **Neolithic Revolution** – when people went from nomadic hunter-gathering to settled civilizations

# Four Early Civilizations

- Mesopotamia, Egypt, India and China
- **All formed around rivers**
  - Fertile land, animals and plants easy to domesticate



# Early India and China

- **Hinduism** – Polytheistic, goal to escape the cycle of reincarnation
- **Buddhism** – Uses 4 Noble Truths and Eightfold Path to reach Nirvana
- **Confucianism** – Emphasis on respecting authority and ancestor worshipping
- **Legalism** – People are naturally bad and need a strong ruler to guide them (think Shi Huangdi)

Don't forget the **Mandate of Heaven!**

# Ancient Greece

- Made up of individual city-states, known as a **polis**
- **Athens** - First Democracy
- **Sparta** - War-like city-state. Military Oligarchy



# Ancient Greece

- Greek Culture spreads through the conquests of **Alexander the Great**
- Creates a **Hellenistic World**



# Ancient Rome

- **Patricians** - Elite landowning families, served in the senate
- **Plebeians** - common people of Rome
- Governed as a **Republic** until Augustus Caesar won a civil war and created the **Roman Empire**.
  - **Pax Romana** - “Peace of Rome”
- **Christianity** spread throughout empire



# And then....

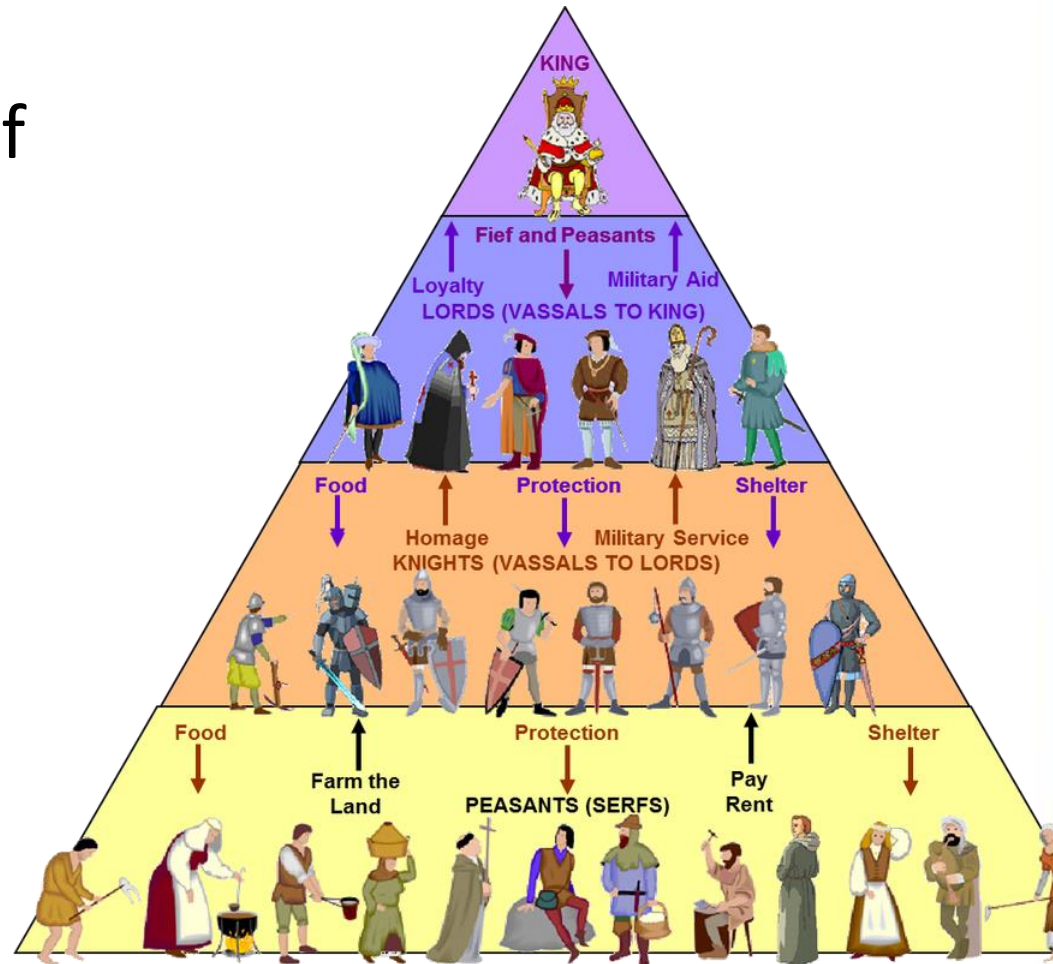
- Weak Emperors, Bad Economy and **BARBARIANS** ruined everything.



- But the Byzantines (E. Rome) were still pretty chill...making **Justinian's Code** and stuff

# The Middle Ages

- Territories in the W. Roman Empire had no government after fall of Rome
- Peasants need protection, so the **Feudal System** is formed
- Don't forget the **Battle of Tours** and **Charlemagne!**



# The Middle Ages

- Christianity is made uniform, the Catholic Church gains power the **Pope** oversaw all Kings
- Pope Urban II launches the **Crusades** to recapture Jerusalem for Christianity
- **Reconquista**: Christians in Spain push out Muslim invaders



# And then....

- **THE BLACK PLAGUE** ruined everything



- ...or did it? (Peasants who survived had more rights and better pay!)

# The Renaissance

- **Renaissance** - “Rebirth” of learning and culture. Centered around Italy, based off the works of Greeks and Romans.
- 3 steps to **humanism**
  - 1) Classical (greek and roman) education
  - 2) Belief that individuals can achieve greatness
  - 3) Secular/non-religious movement

Don't forget **Machiavelli!**

# The Renaissance

- **Johannes Gutenberg** invents the Printing Press with moveable type
  - Books can be produced cheaply, literacy increases, ideas spread quicker and more access to classic texts



# And then....

- **Martin Luther** ruined everything



- ...or did he? (Writes 95 Theses, calls out the pope for being corrupt and starts the **Protestant Reformation**)

# Protestant Reformation

- **Henry VIII** makes England the first major country to join the Reformation (makes Church of England. Gets another wife. Chops her head off)
- Catholics respond with the **Counter-Reformation**. Eliminated some of the corruption, but maintains core catholic beliefs





# Africa and Aztecs/Incas

- **Africa** - very few farmable lands. Leads to development of **Pastoralist Clans**
  - **Aztecs** - Capital was built inside a lake...so they built farms ON THE LAKE! (they're called **Chinampas**)
  - **Incas** - Settled in Andes Mountains, built **Terrace farms** to compensate for rocky geography.
- Oh, and the Aztecs practiced human sacrifice and the Incas had quipu. Don't forget that.**

# Islamic Empires

- **Ottoman Empire:** centered around Turkey, strong military with Janissaries, reformed and expanded by Suleiman the Magnificent
  - Conquers Constantinople
- **Safavid Empire:** located in Persia, SHI'IA
- **Mughal Empire:** First Islamic empire in India, Built Taj Mahal. **Sikhism** (blend of Hinduism and Islam) develops under their rule

# Exploration

- Columbus opens up trade between the New World (Americas) and Old World (Europe) called the **Columbian Exchange**
  - New food in Europe = Population increases
  - Scary diseases in America = Native American population destroyed



# Colonization

- **Mercantilism** = More Money, More Power
  - Countries used colonies to extract gold, silver and raw materials for \$\$\$
  - **Joint-Stock Companies**: Spread the risk, spread the reward
- **Triangular Trade**
  - Europe to Africa: Manufactured Goods
  - Africa to Americas: Slaves
  - Americas to Europe: Raw materials
  - Repeat Process

# Later Chinese Dynasties

- **Tang/Song Dynasties** - Golden Age. Invention of porcelain, paper money, printing press, etc.
- **Mongolians** - conquered using horse-back archers and creating **Tributary States**
  - **Pax Mongolia**
- **Ming Dynasty**: overthrew the Mongols, restored Confucianism and traditional Chinese culture
  - Zheng He's exploration...and then ISOLATION

# Feudal Japan

- Emperor's power overshadowed by the **Shogun** (supreme military leader)
- **Tokugawa Shogunate** - Restored stability and central rule to Japan after years of chaos
- **Japanese Feudal System:**
  - Shogun
  - Daimyo
  - Samurai
  - Peasant