

History 1000 Western Civilization I
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Final Examination Review Questions

- 1) Discuss the search for universal empire throughout ancient history, paying close attention to specific attempts to achieve this goal.
- 2) Was Rome's demise inevitable? What factors contributed to its downfall? Is it relevant to inquire into the collapse of any civilization?
- 3) Athenian democracy was a failure. Do you agree? Why?
- 4) Feudal arrangements take hold upon a society when there has been a complete collapse in centralized authority. Do you agree? Why?
- 5) Was the Renaissance a rejection of Christendom? Or, was it merely an attempt to bring balance to Christian Europe? How does one distinguish between the search for things classical and the desire for rebirth?
- 6) Reformation thinkers did not ask new questions but offered new answers to old questions. What were these questions and what were the answers offered by individuals such as Luther?
- 7) The relationship between palace and temple has been a major theme throughout this course. Describe this relationship in pharaonic Egypt, the Hebrew kingdom, the Roman Empire, and Medieval Europe. What are the common threads of this relationship? How has religion supported or detracted from the power of the state throughout history?
- 8) European civilization has been called a combination of Greco-Roman heritage, Christianity, and Germanic traditions. What were the contributions of these three elements to that civilization? Which of these three had the greatest impact? What other influences helped shape the development of civilization in Europe?
- 9) How did the scientific revolution cause a reorientation in Western thought?
- 10) Explain the relationship of Islamic thought upon Western civilization.