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## Chapter 1: The World Before Modern Times

### Guided Reading Worksheet

**DIRECTIONS: Matching** Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| _____ 1. military expeditions carried out by European Christians in the Middle Ages to regain the Holy Land from the Muslims | <b>A.</b> landed aristocrats |
| _____ 2. the belief in one God, rather than many   | <b>B.</b> sultanate          |
| _____ 3. "the rule of the few"   | <b>C.</b> democratic         |
| _____ 4. claim by Chinese kings that they had direct authority from heaven to rule   | <b>D.</b> oligarchy          |
| _____ 5. describes a nation under "the rule of many"   | <b>E.</b> Mandate of Heaven  |
| _____ 6. an extended family unit that has combined into a larger community   | <b>F.</b> feudalism          |
| _____ 7. an upper class whose wealth is based on land and whose power is passed on from one generation to another            | <b>G.</b> monotheism         |
| _____ 8. a Muslim state whose military and political power is held by a ruler  | <b>H.</b> republic           |
| _____ 9. a form of government in which the leader is not a king and certain citizens have the right to vote                  | <b>I.</b> lineage group      |
| _____ 10. political and social system that developed during the Middle Ages  | <b>J.</b> Crusades           |

**DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice** Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The ability to acquire food on a regular basis meant that humans
- A.** had less control over their environment.
  - B.** could give up their nomadic ways of life and begin to live in settled communities.
  - C.** could use animals as pets.
  - D.** could use fire to cook their food.

12. What did the Romans contribute to Western civilization?

- A. technology, literature, language, and politics
- B. philosophy, agriculture, art, and law
- C. language, law, technology, and culture
- D. culture, literature, bronze working, and politics

13. The religion of Judaism differed from the other religions of the time in that it

- A. was monotheistic, meaning its followers believed in one God, whereas other religions were polytheistic, meaning their followers believed in many gods.
- B. was the first religion to set down laws by which the people were to live their daily lives.
- C. was polytheistic, meaning its followers believed in many gods, whereas other religions were monotheistic, meaning their followers believed in one God.
- D. had no sacred texts or books.

14. By the late fifth century A.D., invasions by nomadic Huns

- A. reduced the power of the Guptas.
- B. resulted in the rise of architecture.
- C. earned large profits for the Guptas.
- D. drove out the Aryans.

15. The major schools of thought that emerged in China between 500 B.C. and 200 B.C. were

- A. Hinduism, Daoism, and Hellenism.
- B. Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism.
- C. Confucianism, monotheism, and Legalism.
- D. Buddhism, Daoism, and Legalism.

16. China had only five dynasties in

- A. the fifth century B.C.
- B. one thousand years.
- C. the second and third centuries A.D.
- D. the Han era.

17. Which of the following leaders is considered to be the greatest ruler in the history of India?

- A. Abū al-Abbās
- B. Mahmud
- C. Aśoka
- D. Alexander the Great

**18.** Which of these gives a reason for the development of feudalism?

- A.** Europe's emergence as a hub of trade
- B.** the disintegration of Charlemagne's empire
- C.** decreasing power of the church, which failed to protect the lords
- D.** the need to reform an increasingly industrialized society

**19.** Who were the Aryans?

- A.** founders of Buddhism
- B.** the distant relatives of the Harappans
- C.** Indo-European nomadic peoples who created a new Indian society
- D.** the first religious leaders of India

**20.** Which of these civilizations were in Central America?

- A.** Maya and Inca
- B.** Aztec and Inca
- C.** Maya and Aztec
- D.** Maya, Inca, and Aztec