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Chapter 1: The World Before Modern Times

Assessing Background Knowledge

Directions: Based on what you already know about the world before modern times, match the word in the left column with its corresponding answer in the right column.

1. Ancient India



2. Maya, Aztec, and Inca



3. Ancient China



4. Paleolithic People



5. Arab Empire



6. Ancient Greece



7. Israelites



8. Medieval Europe



9. Mesopotamians and Egyptians



10. Medieval China



a. around 3000 b.c. these people built the first civilizations; they developed cities, invented writing, created literature, and built monuments to their gods

b. where three major schools of thought—Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism—developed in order to help create a stable society between 500 b.c. and 200 b.c.

c. people who created no empire but left a spiritual legacy of monotheism and who created Judaism

d. a society dominated by the Catholic Church and kings who began to exert central authority and develop monarchical states

e. where civil service exams developed to provide upward mobility and a stable government bureaucracy

f. where two major civilizations (the Mauryan Empire and the Gupta Empire) and two of the world's major religions (Hinduism and Buddhism) developed

g. prosperous civilizations that developed in the Americas

h. hunter-gatherers whose chief task was finding food; they learned to create sophisticated tools and use fire

i. where small independent city-states ruled by a community of male citizens created a civilization that was the source of Western culture

j. built on the teachings of Muhammad, this civilization spread Islam throughout the Middle East and Africa

