

# GREAT EMPIRES OF ASIA

## Unit 3 Topics for Review

### TEST FORMAT

Your Unit Test will be divided into two sections. The first section will consist of **eight multiple-choice questions**. Some will be from previous Regents exams and some will be original questions, usually a bit more challenging, focused more directly on the material you have studied in class and at home. If you would like to see sample questions, you can visit [MrCaseyHistory.com](http://MrCaseyHistory.com) and select “Past Global Regents” from the Resources menu. The second section will consist of **two AP-style short response questions**. These questions will each have three parts, and you will have a maximum limit of one page to fully respond. You will be expected to provide specific examples from what you have learned to support your responses. If you would like to see sample questions, the SRQs at the end of each textbook section are the same style. Please be aware that the SRQs, even though there are only two, make up 60% of your grade, while the multiple choice questions make up 40%, so be well-prepared to answer them thoroughly to receive full points.

### TEST VOCABULARY

The terms and names below are not an exhaustive list of everything you need to know for the test, and there may be words below that you will not see on the test. However, I will expect you to have a full understanding of these terms and concepts when you sit for the exam. It is not enough to recognize the word or to memorize a definition, but you should understand the word in context and how it connects to broader themes and topics. **I have bolded those most directly relevant to the test.**

Key Groups	Key Concepts	Key Figures
<b>Achaemenids</b> Seleucids Parthians Sasanids <b>Mauryan Empire</b> Greco-Bactrians Kushans <b>Gupta Empire</b> <b>Qin Dynasty</b> <b>Han Dynasty</b>	<b>Hinduism</b> (including “Popular”) <b>Jainism</b> <b>Buddhism</b> (Theravada & Mahayana) <b>Caste System</b> Dharma (aka Dhamma) <b>Samsara (Rebirth)</b> <b>Four Noble Truths</b> Self-Denial / Detachment <b>Moksha / Nirvana</b> <b>Stupas</b> <b>Hindu-Arabic Numerals</b> <b>Decimal System / Concept of Zero</b> <b>Development of Towns</b> <b>Confucianism</b> <b>Meritocracy</b> <b>Civil Service Examinations</b> Daoism <b>Legalism</b> <b>Centralization/Decentralization</b>	<b>Cyrus the Great</b> Darius Mahavira (Jina) Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha) Vishnu Krishna Chandragupta Maurya <b>Ashoka</b> Qin Shi Huangdi Han Wudi
<b>Key Places</b> <b>India / South Asian Physical Geography</b> <b>Silk Road Physical/Political Geography</b> Relative Locations of Major Empires		<b>Key Texts</b> <b>Code of Hammurabi</b> <b>Vedas</b> Ramayana Mahabharata Bhagavad Gita Arthashastra <b>Edicts of Ashoka</b>

### TEST TOPICS

The topics listed below are meant to be a guide for studying, not just a list of terms to memorize. The expectation is that you will have a thorough understanding of all the issues, developments, events, and concepts we have been studying and analyzing from this unit. They may be connected to either multiple-choice questions or your short response questions.

- Relevant beliefs and practices of all religions and philosophies, and their impact on the history we have studied
- Functions of towns AND functions of imperial cities
- Significant accomplishments of major empires, groups, and individuals
- Specific methods of each empire from this unit for maintaining and stabilizing imperial control
- Causes for the collapse of each empire from this unit