

You will be expected to know topics in reasonable detail in the exam. The best way to study is to read and reread your notes and the textbook and to go over the starred terms that I provide before each lecture—you might consider making flashcards.

I will not ask specific date questions (When did Hammurabi die? For example), but you are expected to know some chronology (The Babylonian Captivity came before Alexander the Great.)

The exam will consist of 15 multiple choice questions (2 pts. each), 15 fill-in-the-blank identifications (2 pts. each)—all these identification terms will come from your starred terms—and an essay (40 pts.) that will require that you make comparisons and contrasts across some of the civilizations that we have studied. **BRING A BLUE BOOK.** You can bring with you a one-page outline for each essay question (that means in outline form, **not the whole essay written out**), which you will then turn in with your exam. The essay question will come from one of the following:

1. Why did ancient empires decline and collapse? In your essay discuss 3 distinct reasons that help to explain why these empires fell apart. Make sure to support your points with examples from lecture and reading.
2. How did technology and other innovations impact the ancient world? Select 3 technological developments or advances that you believe were significant in the early history of Western Civilization. Explain how each development came along and the impact it had on the world at the time. Make sure to support your points with examples from lecture and reading.
3. How did religion and religious beliefs affect the lives of people in the ancient world? Discuss 3 specific ways in which religion impacted the lives of ancient people. Make sure to support your points with examples from lecture and reading.

The biggest problems that students have with the essay are lack of organization and being vague. Make sure that your essay is well organized and that for each argument that you make, you support it with concrete and specific examples either from the readings or from the lectures. The more relevant information you give me, the better off you'll be.