

Key Concept 2.1 The Development and Codification of Religious and Cultural Traditions

How did religions promote a sense of unity?

What are the characteristics and core teachings of Hinduism and Buddhism?

How and where did Buddhism spread by 600 CE?

What are the characteristics of Confucianism and Daoism?

What are the characteristics of Christianity and how/where did Christianity spread by 600 CE?

What are the main characteristics of Greco-Roman philosophy and science?

How did religions affect gender roles in their respective societies?

How did art and culture develop to 600 CE?

How did different societies' architectural styles develop?

What examples of syncretism reflect the Classical Era to 600 CE?

Key Concept 2.2 The Development of States and Empires

What is an "empire," and what were empires' common characteristics during the Classical Era?

What were the most influential of the Classical Era empires?

What techniques did Classical empires create to administer their territories?

What new political methods were created in order to rule the larger empires in the Classical Era?

What role did trade play in creating and maintaining empires?

What function did imperial cities perform?

What social classes and occupations were common in empires?

What labor systems provided the workers for Classical Empires?

Describe the gender and family structures of Classical Era empires.

What caused Classical Empires to decline, collapse, or transform into something else?

What weaknesses contributed to the end of Classical Empires?

Key Concept 2.3 Emergence of Transregional Networks of Communication and Exchange

How did trade & communication networks develop by 600 CE?

What technologies enabled long-distance overland and maritime trade?

What effects did diseases have on Classical empires?

How did religions spread along trade networks, and how did the trade networks affect the religions?