Chapter 4: Unification and the Consolidation of Civilization in China
Chapter 5: Classical Civilizations in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East
Chapter 6: Religious Rivalries and India’s Golden Age

Read chapter 4-6 from your textbook. Answer the following short answer questions based on the reading in the space provided.

1. What is the basis of Confucian teachings?

2. How did the ideas of Confucius and Daoism differ? Which had a greater impact on later Chinese political philosophy?

3. Despite the brevity of the dynasty, the Qin established the foundations of a united China. What were these significant political and social reforms?

4. In what ways was Han China similar to Qin China? In what ways were they different?

5. What is the cycle of dynastic government that the authors suggest was established during the Han dynasty?
6. Describe Greek classical civilization?

7. What was the *polis*? What was its most common early format?

8. In what ways were the fragmented city-states of Greece able to work together?

9. How did the political structure of Hellenistic Greece contrast with that of Hellenic Greece?

10. How was Greek politics different from China?

11. What were the sources of brahmanic power in the early Aryan kingdoms of the Ganges plain?
12. Discuss the structure of the caste system as it developed from 1000 B.C.E. to the end of the Gupta period.

13. How did the rise of Buddhism in the 5th century B.C.E. challenge the dominance of the brahmans?

14. How did the Mauryan empire represent a significant break with the past tradition of Indian civilization?

15. Compare and contrast the political and religious organization of the Gupta empire with the Maurya empire.
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