

Topic 2 Study Guide

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1. What is Diaspora and why did it occur in 587 BCE?
2. What is the world's first civilization?
3. List the ten commandments.
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4. What is the term for the belief in ONE God, and which religion was the first to believe this?
5. Why was Sumer conquered?
6. What was different about Sumerian statues?
7. What myth tells the story of a legendary hero named Gilgamesh, and what written language is it written in?
8. Under Hammurabi's Code, did punishment vary based on WHO the crime was committed against (based on social class)? Give an example.
9. What city was the center the Mesopotamian empire?
10. Which religion believes the universe is in a struggle between good and evil?

11. Did Hammurabi's Code punish first and explain later or look at the offense first and then punish?
12. What road was used to transport GOODS and NEWS quickly across the Persian Empire?
13. Describe the difference in how Cyrus the Great treated the Jews compared to how the neo-Babylonians had treated them.
14. Phoenicians traded with Africa and Europe because of their location along which sea?
15. Is the Phoenician alphabet based on sounds, syllables, vowels, or words?
16. Which Jewish text talks about the teachings of Moses?
17. What is the Judeo-Christian tradition?
18. Besides Israel, where do the largest number of Jews live today?
19. What Sumerian art form used cylinders and tubes to show an entire scene?
20. What Jewish holiday commemorates the Exodus and God freeing the Jews from slavery in Egypt?
21. **Essay** – How did the Phoenician's willingness to travel far for trade eventually lead to the spread of their civilization?

Study everything else for the BONUS questions!