

**Honors World History
Fall 2019**

Prehistory & Ancient Greece Exam: Study Guide

Exam content is drawn from the following **Reading Questions & Video Study Guides**:

1. Prehistory & the Birth of Civilization
2. The Geography & Culture of Ancient Greece
3. The Rise of the City States
4. The Golden Age of Athens
5. Video: *The Birth of Civilization*
6. Video: *Greek Theater* (journal notes)
7. Video: *Ancient Greece: Empire of the Mind*
8. Plato's *Allegory of the Cave*

1. Prehistory & Birth of Civilization

- Definition of Prehistory
- Roles of geologists, paleontologists, anthropologists, archaeologists, and historians
- *Australopithecus*
- Hunter-gatherer lifestyle
- *Homo sapiens* and the significance of burial practices
- Significance of cave paintings
- Neolithic Revolution
- Birth of cities
- Development of written language

2. Ancient Greece

- Greek Geography: Eratosthenes
- The impact of geography on ancient Greek civilization
- The Trojan War
- The Polis
- Systems of Government: Monarchy, Aristocracy, Oligarchy, Direct Democracy & Tyranny
- Athenian vs. American Democracy
- *Acropolis and Agora*
- Comparing Social Systems of Sparta & Athens
- Pericles' achievements
- Greek art, architecture, theater & literature
- Greek philosophy: Socrates, Plato, & Aristotle
- The Greek style of thought

Essay Prompt: Write a well-organized essay of **at least 5 paragraphs** responding to the following:

What did the Ancient Greeks contribute to modern Western civilization?

Select **at least 3** of the following topics as the evidentiary basis for your response:

Government & Law; Philosophy; Science & Technology; Art & Architecture; Literature & Theater.

Your essay must refer to ***specific pieces of evidence*** from ancient Greek civilization and ***explain how they have influenced*** modern Western society. Be sure to give your essay an engaging title, and use blue or black ink only.