**Chapter 5 Society and Inequality in Eurasia/North Africa**

**500 B.C.E.-500 C.E.**

**Reading Guide**

**Key Terms:**

China’s Scholar-Gentry Class Spartacus

Wang Mang The Three Obediences

Ge Hong Patriarchy

Yellow Turban Rebellion Empress Wu

Caste as varna and jati Aspasia and Pericles

“Ritual Purity” in Indian social practice Helots

Greek and Roman Slavery

**Seeking the Main Point**

To what extent were the massive inequalities of second-wave civilizations generally accepted, and in what ways were they resisted or challenged?

**Margin Review Questions**

1. How would you characterize the social hierarchy of China during the second-wave era?

2. What class conflicts disrupted Chinese society?

3. What set of ideas underlies India’s caste-based society?

4. What is the difference between varna and jaiti as expressions of caste?

**Summing It Up:**

How did India’s caste system differ from China’s class system?

How did the inequalities of slavery differ from those of caste?

How did Greco-Roman slavery differ from that of other classical civilizations?

In what ways did the expression of Chinese patriarchy change over time, and why did it change?

How did the patriarchies of Athens and Sparta differ from each other?