**Chapter 6 Commonalities and Variations: Africa and the Americas**

**500 B.C.E.-1200 C.E.**

**Reading Guide**

**Key Terms:**

Meroe Niger Valley civilization

Axum Maya civilization

Piye Teotihuacan

Chavin Bantu expansion

Moche Charco Phenomenon

Wari and Tiwanku Mound Builders

**Seeking the Main Point**

To what extent did the histories of Africa and the Americas parallel those of Eurasia? In what ways did they forge new or different paths?

**Margin Review Questions**

What similarities and differences are noticeable among the three major continents of the world?

How did the history of Meroe and Axum reflect interaction with neighboring civilizations?

How does the experience of the Niger Valley challenge conventional notions of “civilization”?

With what Eurasian civilizations might the Maya be compared?

In what ways did Teotihuacan shape the history of Mesoamerica?

What kind of influence did Chavin exert in the Andes region?

What features of Moche life characterize it as a civilization?

What was the significance of Wari and Tiwanaku in the history of Andean civilization?

**Summing It Up:**

What features common to all civilizations can you identify in civilizations of Africa and the Americas? What distinguishing features give them a distinctive identity?

In what ways did the arrival of Bantu speaking peoples stimulate cross-cultural interaction?

In what ways were the histories of Ancestral Pueblo and the Mound Builders similar to each other and how did they differ?