**History of the World: Age of Empire**

Viewing Questions

1. What according, to the video, is the awkward truth about the violence of the empires of the second-wave civilizations?

2. What made Sennacherib a successful emperor of Assyria?

3. What actions were taken by Sennacherib to defeat Judah?

4. Describe Sennacherib’s “total war.”

5. How do we know about Assyrian victory over Judah?

6. Who were the Phoenicians? Why were they so influential?

7. Who also used and adapted versions of the Phoenician alphabet?

8. What makes Cyrus different from his predecessors?

9. What is Cyrus’ motivation to invade Croesus’ kingdom?

10. What is Croesus’ justification for fighting Cyrus?

11. What important aspect of society does Cyrus take from Croesus?

12. How does Cyrus demonstrate the tolerance of the Persian empire after conquering Babylon?

13. What is monotheism?

14. What is a major contributor to Judaism being a long lasting religion? How does war factor into this?

15. What was the Caste System?

16. What does Siddhartha find in his wanderings?

17. Describe Siddhartha’s revelation at the Bodhi tree.

18. How does Buddhist chanting impact historical interpretation?

19. How does Buddhism conflict with the Caste system?

20. What significant event in political history occurred at the Acropolis?

21. What is “demos”? “cratos”?

22. How was Greek democracy different from our democracy?

23. What “ridiculous” tactic do the Greeks use against the Persians at Marathon? Why does it work?

24. Why do the Athenians race back to Athens after the battle at Marathon?

25. Describe Confucius’ thoughts on respect and society.

26. What gets Confucius to leave the court in which he worked?

27. What effect did Confucianism have on the government of China?

28. What caused Alexander to have an interest in both the Greeks and Persians?

29. Describe Alexander’s path to creating an empire.

30. Explain Alexander’s attitude towards other cultures.

31. What is Cleitus’ accusation of Alexander? What is the end result of the ensuing fight?

32. How does Alexander “unite” Persia and Greece?

33. How does Socrates criticize democracy?

34. What is Socrates charged and tried with? Why is this ironic?

35. How is Socrates different from Confucius?