**UNIT 3 Regional and Transregional Interactions – STUDY GUIDE**

**(600 CE – 1450 CE)**

**General Study Questions**

What were the primary changes from Unit 2 to Unit 3?

What were the most significant routes of trade in this era?

What social tensions began to arise in this period? What was the cause of these tensions?

What strategies did governments in this period utilize to deal with larger more diverse empires?

What factors caused empires to collapse by the end of this time period?

What are the sources of power for leaders in this period?

**Byzantine Empire**

Why did Eastern Rome flourish while Western Rome collapsed?

What are the most significant achievement of the Byzantine Empire?

Why was the Byzantine government so successful over a long period of time?

What factors caused the demise of the Byzantine Empire?

**Islamic Caliphate Study Questions**

What were the features of Bedouin Life?

What were the major achievements of the Islamic Caliphates?

What caused the collapse of the Islamic empires?

What role did the Islamic Caliphate play in India?

How did Islam spread? Why did it spread so easily?

Why was Islamic expansion so successful?

**India Study Questions**

How did the geography of India impact the region?

How did the various religions of India interact?

What role did Hinduism play in India in this time period?

What are the major changes and continuities in India?

**China Study Questions**

What are the major changes and continuities in China?

What role did Confucianism play in the Tang Dyansty?

How did religious conflict impact China in this time period?

**Nomadic Interactions Study Questions**

Why were the Mongols/Turks successful conquerors?

What are the major features of nomadic life?

What impact did the Mongols have on China? Russia? Persia?

How was Mongol rule in China unique?

What role did the Pax Mongolia play in shaping world history?

**Sub Saharan Africa Study Questions**

What are the major regions of Sub Saharan Africa?

How did geography impact the development of civilization in Africa?

What role did Islam play in West Africa? East Africa?

How were African civilizations unique?

**Western Europe Study Questions**

What were the dominant political, social and economic structures of W. Europe?

How was Western Europe unique?

What role did the crusades play in Western Europe?

How did Western Europe grow out of the “DARK” Ages?

What role did the Roman Catholic Church play in Western Europe?

How did the interactions of the church cause conflict in Western Europe? How did the help?

**Comparisons**

Hinduism/Buddhism

Abbasid/Umayyad

Islam/Christianity/Judaism

Islam/Hinduism

Buddhism/Confucianism

Tang/Song

Sui/Tang

India/China

Roman Catholic/Eastern Orthodox Church

Eastern Europe/Western Europe

Byzantine Empire/Tang Dynasty

Mongols/Turks