This study guide is designed to help you study for your test.  **This test is on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** If you turn a completed study guide in on the day of the test, you will receive 4 bonus points on your test. A hint: if you do a little each day, you’ll be ready for the test, won’t have to do it the night before, and get an easy 4 points!

**The First Humans**

* Who is the most famous *Australopithecus* and where was she found?
* What is a hominid?
* What is the “Out of Africa” theory?
* What are three MAJOR things that happened during the Paleolithic Age (Stone) Age?
* What were the two BIG developments that happened during the Neolithic Revolution?
* What are the ***six*** characteristics of a civilization?

**Mesopotamia**

* Be able to find Mesopotamia on a map. What two rivers formed its boundaries?
* What was the major invention of the Sumerians?
* What is cuneiform?
* What three things were the Babylonians famous for? Define ziggurat.
* What was Hammurabi’s Code? What does “an eye for an eye” stand for?

**Indus River Valley Civilization**

* Why do we know little about the Indus River Valley Civilization? What do we know about their cities?
* Be able to define “caste.” What are the four castes in the Indus River Valley?
* What is Sanskrit?

**Ancient Chinese Yellow River Valley Civilization**

* What did the ancient Chinese invent and are famous for keeping how it was produced a secret?
* Define the mandate of heaven. What are the four stages to the dynastic cycle?
* What are the 3 major dynasties we learned about (look at your handout!)

**The Five Major Religions**

* Which ones are polytheistic? Which are monotheistic?
* Be able to identify each religion’s main goal, sacred text, founder, and main beliefs (look at your chart! It will help a lot)
* Key terms:
	+ Hinduism: Vega, karma, moksha, Brahman, Atman, reincarnation
	+ Judaism: Torah, Talmund, synagogue, rabbi, Sabbath, 10 Commandments
	+ Buddhism: Pali Canon, Nirvana, 4 Noble Truths, Eightfold Path
	+ Islam: Mosque, 5 Pillars, Qur’an/Koran,
	+ Christianity: the Bible, church, Golden Rule, the Trinity

**Other**

* Can you find each civilization on a map? Do you feel comfortable reading a map? There ***will*** be a map!
* Bring a pencil—it is Scranton (no writing this time!!)
* The test covers: the early humans, Mesopotamia, the Indus River Valley, the Yellow River Valley (ancient China), Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.