

FALL OF CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS  
 Document-based question activity

Directions: using the documents from the packet, answer the questions on this page. As you read through each document, circle which PIECES theme(s) the documents could fall under. You do not need to write in complete sentences, unless you ask me if you need to, in which case you must, or else I will take points off. Please get in the habit of reading directions ☺

EUROPE

1. What empire is specifically being referred to in this section?
2. Draw and label the empire on the map to the right.



Document 1:            Pol            Inn            Env            Cul            Econ            Soc

1. According to Vegetius, what are at least two military problems experienced in the Roman Empire?

Document 2:            Pol            Inn            Env            Cul            Econ            Soc

1. Summarize the main idea in your own words.

Document 3:            Pol            Inn            Env            Cul            Econ            Soc

1. How did Christianity become a dividing factor within the Roman Empire? Consider other religions present.

Document 4:

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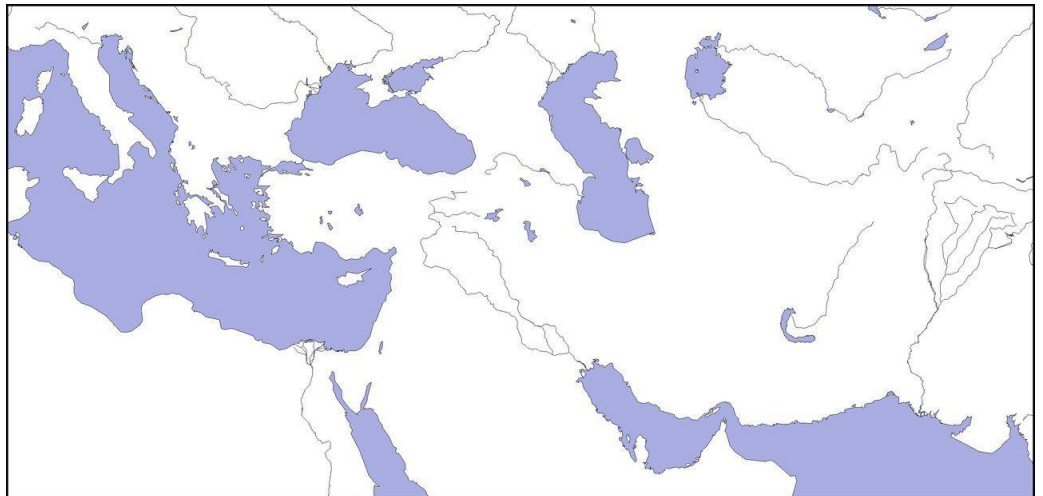
Soc

1. Were these invasions unified? Use evidence from the map to justify your answer.

GIST: In your own words, and in complete sentences, explain factors that contributed to Rome’s fall.

SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE AND SOUTHWEST ASIA

1. What civilizations are specifically being referred to in this section?
2. Draw and label the civilizations on the map to the right.



Document 1:

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1. Contextualize: who was Alexander the Great? What did his father, Philip II of Macedon, do?
2. How quickly did Alexander conquer Persia?

GIST: In your own words, and in complete sentences, explain at least one factor that contributed to both Persia and Greece’s fall.

## SOUTH ASIA

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Document 1:                      Pol                      Inn                      Env                      Cul                      Econ                      Soc

1. Gupta emperors relied on local princes to help the empire function. Synthesize (connect this to something else we have learned about)! What other empire did this?

2. How did the Huns change India's military and political characteristics?

Document 2:                      Pol                      Inn                      Env                      Cul                      Econ                      Soc

1. After Skanda Gupta's death, what politically happened to the empire?

2. How did the Huns take advantage of the situation explained above?

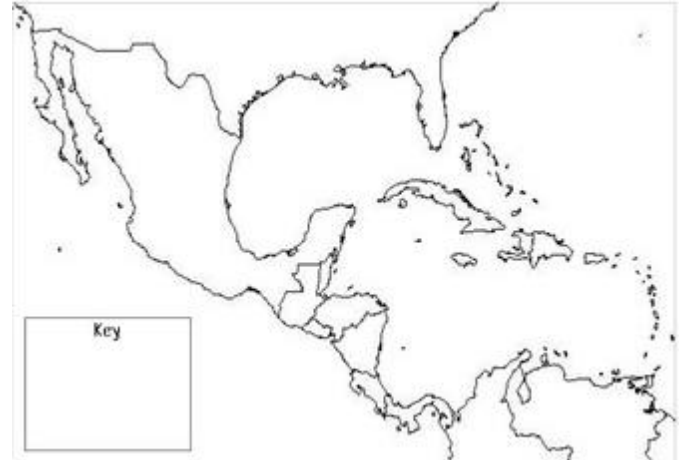
3. What were the effects of the Hunnic invasions in India?

GIST: In your own words, and in complete sentences, explain at least one factor that contributed to both Persia and Greece's fall.

THE AMERICAS

1. What civilization is specifically being referred to in this section?

2. Draw and label the civilization on the map to the right.



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1. Why does Mann believe the Maya fell?

Document 2:            Pol            Inn            Env            Cul            Econ            Soc

1. What did the Maya depend on for their success?

Document 3:            Pol            Inn            Env            Cul            Econ            Soc

1. What was the result of the change in Maya warfare?

GIST: In your own words, and in complete sentences, explain at least two factors that led to the Maya's fall.

EAST ASIA

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Document 1:            Pol            Inn            Env            Cul            Econ            Soc

1. Why did the Han Empire have to impose heavier taxes?
2. What was the result of this increase in taxes?

Document 2:            Pol            Inn            Env            Cul            Econ            Soc

1. Why did these paramilitary groups grow in strength?

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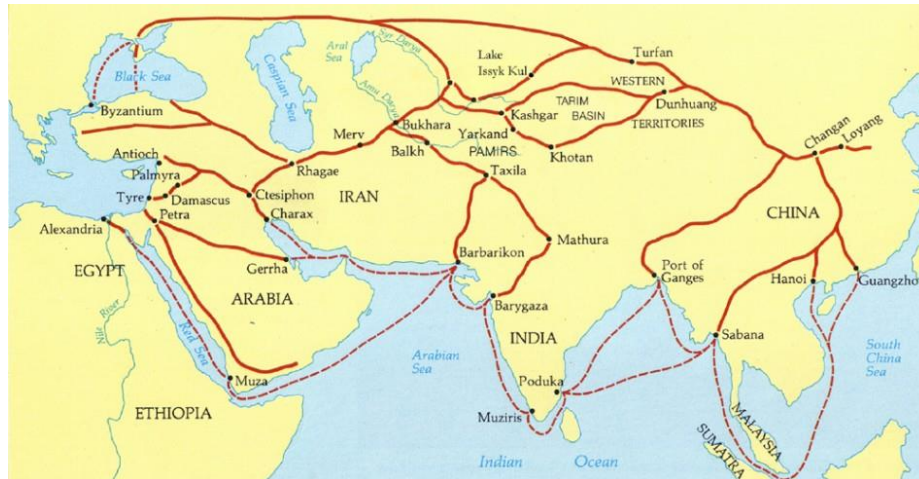
1. What were weaknesses within the Han Dynasty?

Document 4:            Pol            Inn            Env            Cul            Econ            Soc

1. What were problems faced by the peasants in China?
2. What did those problems lead to?

GIST: In your own words, and in complete sentences, explain at least two factors that led to the Han Dynasty’s fall.

## TRANSREGIONAL INTERACTIONS



Document 1:            Pol                    Inn                    Env                    Cul                    Econ                    Soc

1. What goods and ideas were traded along the Silk Roads and Indian Ocean trade networks?
2. How did the interconnectedness of Classical Civilizations, such as Greece, Rome, Persia, India, and China, contribute to their growth as civilizations?

Document 2:            Pol                    Inn                    Env                    Cul                    Econ                    Soc

1. Where did the Huns originate?
2. What lands did they travel to?
3. How did the Huns contribute to the fall of Classical Civilizations, such as Persia, India, China, and Rome?

GIST: In your own words, and in complete sentences, explain how trade routes and interconnectedness of Afro-Eurasian civilizations contributed to their falls.