Directions: Use this study guide to help prepare for our upcoming test. Keep in mind this is not an EXACT list of questions nor topics for this historical period, but yet a broad spectrum to touch on as many topics as possible in preparation for our assessment. Good Luck!

1. What are the nature and causes of changes in the world-history framework, using 600CE as a start point?
2. What are the causes of the emergence of new empires and political systems / organizations?
3. Are there continuities and or breaks within the period concerning trade and interaction (Ex: Mongolian invasions, disease…)
4. Why is the rise of Dar Islam as a cultural and economic force in Eurasia and Africa significant?
5. How did the Islamic Political Structure (ex: the Caliphate) differ from earlier political structures?
6. Define / Analyze the impact of Dar Islam on the arts, sciences, technologies and birth of the university.
7. Describe the trade, technology and cultural exchanges that changed or continued during this period including but not limited to
   - Tran-Sahara trade
   - Indian Ocean trade
   - Spice routes / Silk Roads
8. What was the impact of Missionary outreach (Christian, Islam, Confucian, and Buddhist) during this period?
9. What was the source of contact and conflict between major world religions, i.e. Christianity and Islam?
10. What was the role of tribal movements during this period?
11. What is the “Mongol legacy”?
12. Explain the Tang and Song economic revolutions and their consequences for Asia and the rest of the world.
13. What social, economic and political patterns in Mesoamerica resulted in the rise of Maya, Aztec and Inca Empires?
14. What events are linked to the demise of these empires (#13)?
15. How did the nomadic migrations into Afro-Eurasia and the Americas impact demographics and precipitate environmental changes?
16. What were the consequences of the plague pandemics in the 14th century?
17. Explain the growth patterns and role of cities such as the expansion of urban commercial centers in Song China and in the Aztec Empire.