Eastern Hemisphere
Unit 3: The Ancient Fertile Crescent
Take Home Test

Purpose: The purpose of this take home test is to help you prepare for the upcoming test on Unit 3: The Ancient Fertile Crescent. You may use all of the assignments you have completed in class and may use your Unit 3 Study Guide to complete it. The questions for the test will be pulled from this take home test.

Scoring: This take home test will count as a binder assignment, and is listed on your Unit 3 Binder Assignment Checklist.

Part I: Short Answer

Directions: Please read each of the following questions. On a separate sheet of paper, respond to each in one or more complete sentences which restate the question.

1. Describe the physical geography of the Middle East and Central Asia. (2a)
2. How much of the world’s oil supply can be found in the Middle East and Central Asia? (2b)
3. What religions were born in the region of the Middle East and Central Asia? (2c)
4. What cities serve as important centers of religion for the Jews, Christians, and Muslims of the world? (2c)
5. What Iraqi leader used chemical weapons on the Kurds during the 1980s? (1d)
6. What two nations were invaded by the United States and its allies in 2001 and 2003, and why were they invaded? (2c)
7. What non-Muslim nation is a source of constant conflict in the Middle East and Central Asia? (2f)
8. What two lands make up the Fertile Crescent? (3)
9. What rivers flow through Mesopotamia? (5)
10. What does Mesopotamia mean in Greek? (5)
11. What is polytheism? (6)
12. What is a pagan? (6)
13. What is a deity? (7)
14. What is a ziggurat? (8)
15. What is cuneiform? (9)
16. What was Babylonia? (10)
17. Who was Hammurabi, and what did he do? (12)
18. What river flows through Palestine (a.k.a. the Levant)? (14)
19. What is monotheism? (15)
20. What was the name of the Hebrews’ escape from Egypt? (16b)
21. What was the name of the Hebrews’ capital? (16c)
22. What was the name of the temple the Hebrews built in Jerusalem around 950 BCE? (16c)
23. Who was Moses, and what did he do? (18)
Part II: Essay

Directions: Please read the following questions. Answer each in an essay on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to write good plans for your essays (in Venn diagrams, T-charts, outlines, etc.) before you begin.

1. Explain why the Middle East and Central Asia are places of great violence.  
2. Compare and contrast the religious beliefs of the Babylonians with the religious beliefs of the Hebrews. How are they alike and how are they different?  
3. Compare and contrast the legal systems of the Babylonians with the legal systems of the Hebrews. How are they alike and how are they different?