

# HY101 Western Civilization I

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- What is Western Civilization
- Time Notations
- Themes
  - Religion
  - Government and Politics
  - Society – Women/Economics/Education/Arts
  - Science/Technology/Communications
  - Conflicts
  - Notables

# Time Line

## Pre-Civilization and the Ancient Middle East

	Neolithic	Egypt	Iron Age
Paleolithic	Bronze Age	Assyria	Babylon
600,000 BCE	3000 BCE		400 BCE

## Paleolithic Period

600,000 BCE – 10,000 BCE

- Old Stone Age
- Tools of Wood, bone, and stone
- Nomadic Kin Groups
- Hunters and Gatherers
- Trade – Shells/Stone tools



## Neolithic Period 10,000 BCE – 3,000 BCE

- New Stone Age
- Middle East
- Development of Agriculture/Domestication of Animals
- Permanent Villages
- Population Growth
- Discovery of Metal – Copper/Bronze

## Bronze Age 3,000 BCE – 1,200 BCE

- Social Stratification/Division of Labor
- Kings & Priests
- Male Domination
- Skills for Survival
- Irrigation, Making of cloth, improved tools and housing

## Civilization

- Cities –center of political, social, economic and religious development
- Strict Religious Structure
- Organized government - Armies
- Social Structure based on economic power
  - Kings, Priests, political leaders, warriors
  - Farmers, Artisans, Craftsmen
  - Slaves
- Development of Writing - Records
- Artistic and Intellectual Activity

## Mesopotamia

Sumerian City-States

Ziggurat

Wheel

Theocracy

Pessimistic

Cuneiform

The Epic of Gilgamesh

The Code of Hammurabi



# Time Line

## Ancient Egypt

	1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate Period	Middle Kingdom	2 <sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Period	New Kingdom
Old Kingdom				
3,000 BCE	2,000 BCE		1,500 BCE	1,000 BCE

# Geography

- Nile
  - World's longest river
  - Predictable Flooding
  - Irrigation easier
- Natural Barriers
  - Desert
  - Sea



## Old Kingdom

2,686 BCE – 2,181 BCE

- Ma'at – Truth & Justice, Peace & Harmony
- Taxes paid in kind
- Bureaucracy – division into provinces
- Ended by drought & economic troubles

1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Period

2180 BCE - 2055 BCE

## Middle Kingdom

2,055 BCE – 1,650 BCE

- Golden Age
- Pharaohs concerned with people
- Districts were formalized
- Very stable

# Society in Old & Middle Kingdom

- Hierarchical Structure
- Religion was a cosmic force with many gods
- Afterlife was possible - mummification
- Pyramids
- Art
- Hieroglyphics



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Period 1,650 BCE – 1,550 BCE

- Hyksos Invasion
- Brought technology
- Bronze
- Horse Drawn Chariots
- Heavier Swords
- Compound Bows



## New Kingdom

1,550 BCE – 1,070 BCE

- Egyptian Empire
- Daily Life
  - Marriage – arranged, monogamy except Pharaohs
  - Husband Master, wife respected
  - Women could work even become Pharaoh
  - Adultery severely punished
  - Abundance
    - Walled estates
    - Parties
      - Food
      - Entertainment

## Indo-Europeans

- Common Language Source
- Megaliths
- Black Sea Area
- Hittite Kingdom
  - Turkey and Northern Mesopotamia
  - Rode Horses
  - Mixed with people of the Fertile Valley
  - Fought with Egyptians



# Phoenicians

- Mediterranean Traders

- Purple Dye

- Cedars

- Phoenician Alphabet

- Phonetic
- 22 letters
- Basis for modern alphabet

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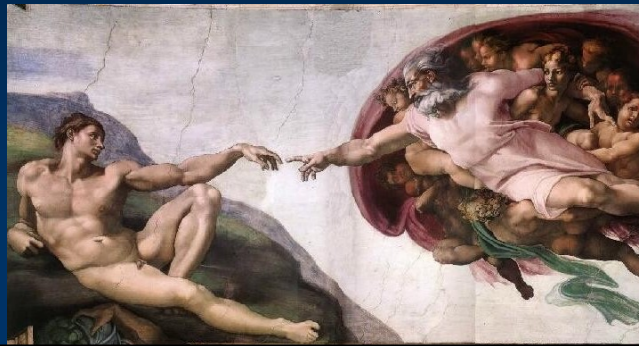
# Hebrews

- Patriarchs
- Exodus
- Kings
- Israel and Judah
- Assyrians – Conquer and tribute
- Chaldeans – Jerusalem Destroyed 586 BCE
- Persians – Jerusalem rebuilt



# Hebrews

- Monotheism
- Law
- Universalism
- Family – Common blood
- Patriarchal



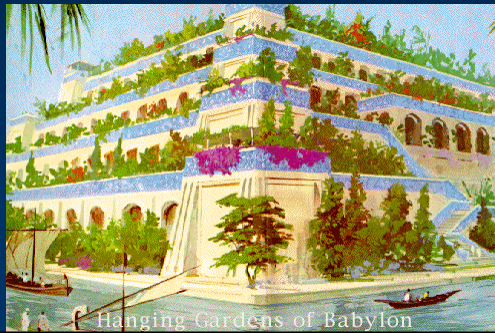
# Assyrian Empire

- Several iterations – height 700 BCE
- Military Machine
  - Iron
  - Terror
- Egypt
- Mesopotamia
- Mediterranean



## Neo-Babylonian Empire

- 612 BCE – 539 BCE
- Nebuchadnezzar II
- Babylon
- Hanging Gardens



## Persian Empire

- Cyrus 559 BCE – 530 BCE
  - Conquered all of Mesopotamia
  - Restored Jerusalem to the Jews
- Darius 521-486 BCE
  - Conquered Egypt to India
- Zoroastrianism

