

First Project Period: Essay Questions

— Ancient Near East to the Roman Republic —

4000 BCE to 476 CE

1. By 6th Century CE the Mediterranean world had changed significantly socially, economically and politically. This constitutes a profound change from 3000 BCE. Was this change gradual? Punctuate? Fortuitous? Deliberate? Interpret at least 4 significant changes which best demonstrate this long term change.
2. Culture has often been defined as the “prism” by which people perceive their world, creating meaning to understand life and death, family and community, as well as the meaning of human existence. Despite the many millennia between Iron Age Greece and the Roman Empire of the common era, there were significant cultural continuities. Demonstrate these continuities, and contrast them with the most significant cultural discontinuities.

Practice ‘Learned Resourcefulness.’ Avoid procrastination, develop appropriate help-seeking behaviors, ask questions, learn to recognize & utilize resources (e.g. the library, fellow students, the instructor, tutoring, and study groups), and embrace realistic goals & priorities.