**Unit One Study Guide**

1. **Geography** 
   1. China
   2. Islam
   3. Greece
   4. Rome
      1. Students should be able to discuss how climate impacted farms and the every day life of citizens
2. **Ancient China**
   1. Rise and Fall of Dynasties (Shang, Tang and Sui)
   2. What key contribution each dynasty made
3. **Ancient Islam**
   1. Why did the Islamic civilization never have its “fall?”
   2. Transportation, trading, education system and advances in medicine
4. **Ancient Greece**
   1. Athens vs. Sparta rivalry
   2. Rise of Alexander the Great and his conquest throughout multiple continents (Europe, Asia, Africa)
   3. Mythology
5. **Ancient Rome**
   1. Rome’s meteoric rise into one of the biggest civilizations in history.
   2. Rome’s complete collapse
   3. Rise of Charlemagne
   4. Vikings and the Impact of Religion
6. **Guiding Questions**
   1. “China was its own worst enemy” Is this statement justified? Why or why not?
   2. Should religion have an effect on political matters?
   3. Do democracy and a jury system make Greece the most progressive civilization?
   4. The Roman Empire had many flaws. Which flaw was most responsible for its collapse?
   5. Which of the four civilizations was the most successful and why?
   6. Do civilizations ever truly fall?
   7. Is there any underlying theme that would have enabled all four civilizations to have maintained their empire and be successful? Or were they doomed from the start?