**ANCIENT CIVILIZATION UNIT TEST STUDY GUIDE**

**Ancient Civilizations:** Greeks, Romans, Olmecs, Aztecs, Mayans, Incas

What caused the rise and decline of each civilization?

Romans:

One of the many factors that contributed to the fall of the Roman Empire was the rise of a new religion, Christianity.  Constantine enacted another change that helped accelerate the fall of the Roman Empire. In 330 C.E., he split the empire into two parts: the western half centered in Rome and the eastern half centered in Constantinople, a city he named after himself.

Olmecs:

Aztecs:

Mayans:

Incas:

What are some cultural achievements of each civilization?

Greeks: Idealism art, sculpture, Olympics, Jury system, Drama, philosophy, libraries, citizenship, self-government (democracy), Epics of Homer, medicine, geometry, natural scientific laws

Romans: Road building, sanitation, architecture, Republic form of government, water systems (aqueducts), trade grew, increased citizenship, literature, engineering skills, spread of Christianity

Olmecs:

Aztecs:

Mayans: city-states

Incas:

Describe the religious beliefs of each civilization and how they have spread and influenced other civilizations?

Compare and contrast the ancient civilizations major forms of government.

What elements of Greek democracy are present in modern day systems of government?