Unit 1: The Near and Far East

Directions:

This topic begins on page 52 in *Odyssey Through the Ages*. It is a good practice to read the chapter first before attempting to answer the questions in this worksheet. Be aware that not every possible test question is covered by this worksheet. Any material in the chapter may appear on a test. Answer each question as completely as you can.

Key Terms:

	rite their definitions below.
Zigguı	rats
Ка	
D-	
Ва	
Akh	
Ideog	ram
Phone	ogram
Yahw	eh
Steati	te
Upani	ishads

Nirvana
Arthashastra
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Sanskrit
Avatar
Part A Read Chapter 3 from page 52.
1. What does Mesopotamia mean and why is it viewed as the cradle of civilization?
 What was the greatest contribution of Mesopotamia to western civilization? Explain why. Read page 58 & 59 and describe Mesopotamian Cuneiform script.
3. Read page 57. What were some of the Mesopotamian inventions?

4.	Briefly describe some of the Mesopotamian beliefs.
5.	In what way was religion a part of Egyptian daily life? Who were the Egyptian Gods?
6.	Briefly describe the Egyptian idea of Spirit, Burial & Funeral practices, and the Afterlife.

7.	Describe Egyptian art. What was painted and how were subjects portrayed?
8.	Briefly describe daily life among the Egyptians: i.e., the various roles, family, clothing, etc.
9.	Describe Egyptian writing and the mysteries of the Hieroglyphics.

10. Who were the Hittites, Canaanites, Phoenicians, and the Israelites?
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11. Describe the spiritual contribution of the ancient Israelites.
Part B
Read Chapter 4 from page 96.
1. How do we know so much about the Indus culture? Why did this culture eventually decline?
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2.	What is meant by the terms Vedic age, Brahmins, and Rig-Veda?
3.	What is the Buddhist period and who was the "Enlightened One"? Briefly describe the teachings of Buddha and
	the meaning of <i>Nirvana</i> .
4.	Briefly describe Indian literature of this time period. What were the two greatest epics?

5. Briefly describe Hinduism and how it related to the Guptas.
Part C
Read Chapter 5 from page 130.
1. Name and describe the twelve animals of the Chinese Zodiac.
2. What was the importance of the Chinese Formative Period (1600-1027 B.C.)?
3. Describe the <i>Analects</i> of Chinese civilization and some of the beliefs during the Zhou Dynasty.