**World History Benchmarks Test Review Guide:** To prepare for your test, refresh your memory and know the following:

**Know which Greek thinkers made their mark on the world through discoveries in mathematics** (Archimedes, Euclid, Thales)

**How the Neolithic Revolution impacted mankind** (agriculture meant food surpluses, so there was now spare time for specialized labor and a division of work tasks because not everyone was needed in the fields)

**Which three ancient civilizations were located in Mesopotamia** (Sumeria, Babylon, Assyria).

**Know that Brahmans, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas, and Shudras are all part of which caste system?** (Ancient Indian)

**The byproducts of the introduction of agriculture** (food surpluses, growth of permanent settlements, division of labor, spare time, and social hierarchies)

**Identify the greatest contribution of the ancient Greek city-state of Athens** (democracy)

**Know that both Greece and Rome had a senate, were both republics (at some point), and also had a democratic form of government.**

**Know why the Ten Commandments were important as far as developing future legal codes was concerned** (the commandments emphasized ethical behavior, something built into all future legal codes that came after).

**Know that the important thing about ancient law codes was that they established rules and penalties for society that everyone could be informed of** (no more being charged with a crime made up on the spot, or punished with whatever the judge thought up on the spur of the moment).

**Know where the three ancient civilizations of the Americas were located** (Mayas – Yucatan Peninsula; Incas – Andes Mountains of South America; Aztecs – Central Mexico)

**Know when agriculture, the domestication of plants, and the emergence of settlements occurred** (in the Paleolithic, Neolithic, or Mesolithic Eras?)

**Know why the Great Wall of China was built** (to keep out marauding nomads from the north)

**Know that Hinduism spread to China, Southeast Asia, China, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and elsewhere from India.**

**Know that Christianity, Islam, and Judaism are all monotheistic faiths**

**Know that of the three social classes in Ancient Rome, the patricians were the wealthy elites who owned most things and filled most government jobs.**

**Know that while Hammurabi’s Code declared the law for all to see, it did not guarantee equality under the law** (if you committed a crime against a rich man, the punishment was worse than if you committed the same crime against a poor man or slave).

**Know which religion has a caste system with priests at the top, followed by warriors, landowners/merchants, peasants, and untouchables.** (Hinduism)

**Know that the influence of Greek and Roman architecture can be seen in other constructions all over the world, including in the buildings of the U.S. government in Washington, D.C.**