QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER EIGHT

1. What was the Silk Road? What part did China, Parthia, and camels play in its development? List some of the important products (and their sources and destinations) that were carried across it. How were the economies of Sabae and Petra affected by this trade? How did the Silk Road affect the social and cultural values of the peoples living around it?

2. What three regions comprised the Indian Ocean maritime system? In what ways was it different from the Mediterranean Sea network? What major items were traded across it? What were the results of this trade?

3. What was the importance of the camel to the trans-Saharan caravan routes? Describe the two trading systems that developed. How did trade affect the rise and decline of Ghana?
4. Fill out a Summary sheet #2 for Sub-Saharan Africa. What factors account for its cultural diversity? Discuss some of common features that underlay African life and culture. How did the Bantu migrations and the advent of iron affect the spread of culture?

5. To what areas did Buddhism spread? By what means was it spread? What was the significance of Aksum?

**TERMS TO KNOW**

- Sogdiana
- Silk Road
- Parthian state
- Sabae
- Petra
- Indian Ocean system
- Saharan trade
- Ghana
- Almoravids
- “Great traditions”
- Lateen sails
- “Small traditions”
- Bantu migrations
- Niger-Kongo
- Zen Buddhism
- Aksum