Modern European History

Unit 1 – Post-Roman and Medieval Europe

The Legacy of Ancient Greece and Rome

Reading Assignment

As you read the packed entitled “The Legacy of Ancient Greece and Rome,” do the following:

* highlight the terms and their definitions
* highlight the portions of the text that answer the questions
* mark each piece of highlighted text with the associated number

The terms and questions appear in the same order as they do in the text.

1. government
2. monarchy
3. aristocracy
4. oligarchy
5. What distinction does Ancient Greek civilization claim?
6. democracy
7. *demos*
8. *kratos*
9. How did Athenian farmers end up as slaves?
10. What reforms did Solon enact that enabled Athens to avoid revolution or civil war?
11. Council of Four Hundred
12. Who was denied citizenship in Athens?
13. What reforms did Cleisthenes enact that earned him the title as the founder of democracy in Athens?
14. Council of Five Hundred
15. What did Pericles do that allowed poorer people to participate in the government of Athens?
16. direct democracy
17. On what two assumptions did Greek thinkers base their philosophy?
18. Socrates
19. Plato’s philosopher-kings
20. Aristotle
21. Greeks’ three branches of government
22. republic
23. patricians
24. plebeians
25. Twelve Tables
26. consuls
27. senate
28. What were some important principles of Roman law?
29. the Code of Justinian
30. What was Rome’s greatest and most lasting legacy?