**Short Discussion Questions:**

1. How were the major early civilizations similar? Describe three ways in which the major civilizations discussed in this unit were similar.
2. What does the construction of the pyramids reveal about ancient Egyptians? Explain.
3. What role did major rivers play in the development of early civilizations?
4. What do you think was the most important achievement of each of the civilizations discussed in this unit? Explain your choices.
5. What was most important about Hammurabi's Code, both in terms of its value to the Mesopotamian civilization and what it reveals about that society?
6. What religious beliefs did each of the civilizations covered in this unit develop? How did they differ?