

Guns, Germs, and Steel Review – This is not an exhaustive list – there may be questions on the test that are not represented here. This is a guide to help you focus on what is important.

Be familiar with these concepts:

Old World

New World

Hunting-Gathering

Agriculture

Productive farming

Subsistence farming

Job specialization

Cultural Diffusion

Columbian Exchange (be able to list items that exchanged)

Be able to answer these questions. You will need to be able to elaborate.

What does Diamond mean by Geographic Luck?

How did the domestication of animals help humans?

Be able to provide 5 examples of domesticated animals

How does an East-West Axis of a continent benefit humans more than a North-South Axis?

What do the cereal grains of wheat and barley have that taro root and bananas do not? Why is this important?

What is more useful to a human? A Pig or a Cow? Why?

What state of the art weaponry did the Spanish conquistadors have that the Inca did not?

Why did the Europeans have steel and the New World did not?

Why did Europeans successfully settle the cape of Africa, but not the middle of the African continent?

How did the germs of Africa affect the Europeans?

What is the number 1 health problem in Zambia?

Be prepared to compare De Blij's "Power of Place" concept with Diamond's "Geographic Luck"