APWH – Reading Guide Era 2 - The Classical Era in World History, 600 B.C.E. - 600 C.E. Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 7 - Classical Era Variations: Africa and the Americas 500 B.C.E.–1200 C.E. Per:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Chapter Learning Targets & Key terms to know** | |
| **●** **Analyze classical civilizations that evolved outside of the more well-known civilizations of Eurasia** | **Axum** |
| **● Compare the development of civilizations in Africa and the Americas** | **Chaco Phenomenon** |
| **● Examine the factors that make civilizations develop and analyze why they develop differently in  some regions** | **Cahokia** |
| **● Distinguish the characteristics of complex civilizations and judge whether they could develop  without any recognizable centralized control** | **Mound Builders** |

1. Why do world historians focus more on Eurasia than Africa or the Americas?

**The African Northeast**

1. What was the importance of the city of Meroe?
2. What was the economic foundation of Axum?
3. How did the Romans view Axum?
4. How and when was Axum introduced to Christianity?
5. How did the history of Meroe and Axum reflect interaction with neighboring civilizations?

**Along the Niger River: Cities without States**

1. What were the most distinctive features of the Niger Valley civilization?
2. What contributed to the development of large West African states or empires?

**South of the Equator: The World of Bantu Africa**

1. In what ways did the arrival of Bantu-speaking peoples stimulate cross-cultural interaction?

**Civilizations of Mesoamerica**

1. What geographic area was known as Mesoamerica?
2. What contributed to the substantial diversity and competing cities, chiefdoms and states in this area?
3. What were the classic features of the Mayan civilization?
4. With what Eurasian civilizations might the Maya be compared?

**Civilizations of the Andes**

1. What influence did Chavin have in the Andes region?
2. What features of Moche life characterized is as a civilization?
3. Compare the Ancestral Pueblos and the Mound Builders

**Big Picture Question**

1. What generated change in the histories of Africa and the Americas during the classical era?