

Chapter Fifteen: The West and the Changing World Balance

Review Questions

Answer each question, at the minimum one paragraph for each answer for full credit.

- 1) Evaluate the following statement: the relative rise of the West after the 14th century was not so much the result of Western innovation as the decline of civilizations in the Middle East and Asia.**
- 2) Compare the world of 1250 and the world of 1450.**
- 3) Describe the signs of decline in the Middle East and in China.**
- 4) Trace the reasons for the relative rise of the West.**
- 5) Describe the nature of the Italian Renaissance. To what extent was it strictly an Italian experience?**
- 6) Define the nature of early Western exploration and colonial patterns.**
- 7) Outline the relative decline of civilizations outside the world network.**
- 8) Summarize the transitions taking place in world history circa 1450.**