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.