

Reading & Discussion Questions – Primary Sources (Plutarch, Athenaeus), *World History* excerpt, “The Hellenistic Period” excerpt

Directions: Please answer the following questions in a typed document following MLA formatting. On time submission = printed document submitted in class on the due date AND submission to Turnitin.com by class time.

From “The Hellenistic Period”

1. Define syncretism and explain its significance in the spread of Greek culture throughout Alexander’s former empire.
2. Explain the difference between monolatry and monotheism.
3. Based on your reading, is Stoicism a religion? Why or why not?

From Plutarch & *World History*

4. In 2-3 sentences describe some ways in which Alexander might have been praised by his men and those under his rule. Then, in 2-3 sentences describe some ways in which Alexander might have been reviled by those he conquered.

From Athenaeus

5. One of the ways the Ptolemaic dynasty in Egypt established authority was by creating a cult of Alexander centralized in Alexandria. The Grand Procession was, in part, a celebration of this cult. However, the celebration also provides evidence of the cultural blending that took place during and after Alexander’s reign. In 2-3 sentences, provide some direct evidence of multiple cultures being represented in this one event.