MANKIND: THE STORY OF ALL OF US
EPISODE 4: WARRIORS

THIS WORKSHEET SET INCLUDES, IN ORDER, A 58-QUESTION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK, TRUE OR FALSE, AND SHORT ANSWER WORKSHEET. THE SET ALSO INCLUDES, IN ORDER, AN ANSWER KEY.

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Keys Include: Gold, Astronomy, Viking Longship

Terms to define: abundant, apocalyptic, ecological, metropolis, remnant, repudiate, revert, stealth, vanguard
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3. True or False. The Vandals are educated and skilled in warfare, not savages.

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5. Eudoxia will spend the next ________________ years at Gaiseric’s side. Her daughter, forced to ________________ his son. The empress of Rome ________________ by a barbarian.

6. How many centuries did the Roman Empire last? ________________

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8. With the collapse of ________________, Europe reverts to a ________________ of war, famine, and savagery.

9. True or False. The essentials of Roman life like aqueducts and writing are not forgotten once their empire collapses.

10. With the ________________ of Rome, Europe will fragment and stay divided for ________________ years. But two new forces emerge, ________________ to the story of mankind. From the frozen North: the ________________. From the sun baked South: the ________________.

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12. What is the religion practiced in this area? ________________
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15. A cave-in at a gold mine in the Arabian ____________________. Owner Al-Hajajj-Al-Bahizi risks his life to save his men and his ____________________. This mine alone will produce ____________________ of gold, worth two billion dollars today.

16. What sparks a boom in trade and a new chapter for mankind? ____________________

17. From the trading center of ____________________, a charismatic leader emerges, the Prophet Mohammed, and a new ____________________. In twenty years, ____________________ unites the warring tribes of Arabia.

18. From Mecca, in modern day ____________________, Islam spreads across North Africa and into Europe, dominating lands once controlled by the ____________ _____________. A new civilization reaches into Spain and builds a new city: ____________________.

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22. What math subject did the Arabs create? ____________________

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26. From their native Scandinavia, these Vikings have journeyed ____________________ miles by sea and river, before settling in western ____________________. This country will be ____________________ after them. The Vikings call themselves the Russ, ‘__________________’.

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49. Who are the men attacking Jerusalem and intent on butchery? _________________.

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