



## **MANKIND: THE STORY OF ALL OF US**

### **EPISODE 2: IRON MEN**

**THIS WORKSHEET SET INCLUDES, IN ORDER, A 69-QUESTION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK, TRUE OR FALSE, AND SHORT ANSWER WORKSHEET. THE SET ALSO INCLUDES, IN ORDER, AN ANSWER KEY.**

EPISODE SUMMARY FROM THE HISTORY CHANNEL: Rogue pirates plunder the Mediterranean coast, signaling on-going conflict between newly emerging societies. But the discovery of iron and its incredible uses helps mankind create new ways of life. Armed with metal tools, humans construct new societies and amazing vessels. Early forms of government, including democracy in Athens, help guide us. Humans develop monotheistic religions including Judaism, Christianity and Islam. People power shapes the world, as warfare continues to divide us.

**Keys Include: Alphabet, Iron, Democracy, Monotheism, Ship building**

**Terms to define: city-state, coagulate, democracy, progress, magnetic field, nomadic, self-determination, tyranny, phalanx, immortal, cosmopolitan**



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**Episode 2: Iron Men**

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**History Channel episode description: A mysterious band of pirates plunders the Mediterranean coast--leaving destruction in its wake. Empires fall, but out of the chaos, we discover iron. Armed with this wonder metal, ordinary folk can overthrow tyrants and build a new world order. From the birth of democracy in Athens, to the creation of the Bible in Babylon--people power reshapes Mankind.**

**SEA PEOPLE****0:00**

1. The Nile Delta of Egypt, \_\_\_\_\_ years before Christ. Mankind's greatest civilizations falling one by one. A new \_\_\_\_\_. Egyptians call them the \_\_\_\_\_. Hungry. Violent. Their origin a \_\_\_\_\_ even today.
2. A thousand years after the age of the pyramids, even mighty \_\_\_\_\_ faces destruction. Around the \_\_\_\_\_, great cities and empires are swept away by peoples on the move. \_\_\_\_\_, the Mycenaeans in Greece, the Hittite empire of Turkey.
3. Chaos rules. Trade dries \_\_\_\_\_. Supplies of bronze, the lifeblood of civilization, dwindle to \_\_\_\_\_. Mankind faces the collapse of thousands of years of \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCOVERY OF IRON****3:55**

4. What key to our future do a group of pioneering metal workers uncover on an island in the eastern Mediterranean? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What age do we still live in today? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Alashiya, Cypress. An island named after its rich resources of \_\_\_\_\_. But the supply of rare tin to make bronze from copper has \_\_\_\_\_ up. Faced with ruin, metal workers make a \_\_\_\_\_ that will change the future of mankind.
7. What material do the rusty red rocks found all over the island contain?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Born in the heart of an exploding supernova star, iron forms the earth's \_\_\_\_\_ core, larger than the moon, hot as the \_\_\_\_\_. Without it, no atmosphere, no magnetic field, no \_\_\_\_\_. The fourth most common \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth's crust.
9. What super fuel is needed to forge iron? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Iron and charcoal \_\_\_\_\_ the surface of the planet. In Europe alone, 70 million acres of trees, an area bigger than \_\_\_\_\_, are felled to feed iron foundries, creating the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world we know today.
11. What does iron usher in? \_\_\_\_\_

## SPARTA &amp; ATHENS

8:15

12. What Greek society is dedicated to war? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Their leader: Pausanias. A \_\_\_\_\_ of Sparta, acting Commander-in-Chief. Bearing down on them, the super power of the day, \_\_\_\_\_. Sparta is just \_\_\_\_\_ square miles. The Persian Empire, more than a \_\_\_\_\_.
14. In Sparta, from the age of \_\_\_\_\_, boys are trained as warriors. At \_\_\_\_\_, they join Sparta's army, the most fearsome, most disciplined \_\_\_\_\_ force on earth.
15. True or False. A Spartan life is a life filled with luxury.
16. Spartans are armed with the best weapons of the day, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of iron.
17. Within Greece, Sparta's rival: \_\_\_\_\_. Also small, vulnerable. A city of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The small city-state of \_\_\_\_\_ faces a choice, submit to the Persian Empire or fight for \_\_\_\_\_. An envoy of the Persian emperor Xerxes offers the people of Athens a chance to \_\_\_\_\_ and avoid bloodshed. The cost, their \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Who is the ordinary Athenian citizen that will become a military legend? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Political decisions in Athens are made not by \_\_\_\_\_, but by its armed \_\_\_\_\_, men like Sophacles. A new political system, a legacy still shaping civilization today: \_\_\_\_\_.
21. True or False. Women were allowed to vote in Athens.
22. What does a black stone mean? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What does a white stone mean? \_\_\_\_\_
24. What is the will of the people? \_\_\_\_\_
25. August, \_\_\_\_\_, near the coast of Greece. Bitter rivals lay aside their differences to \_\_\_\_\_ their lands against a mighty empire. The Persians: \_\_\_\_\_ conscripted soldiers from across the ancient world. On the other side, \_\_\_\_\_ patriots.
26. The Persian commander, \_\_\_\_\_, believes superior numbers will be the key to an easy Persian \_\_\_\_\_.
27. The future of western civilization is being decided in \_\_\_\_\_. Greek allies have held off a Persian army of 100,000 for more than a \_\_\_\_\_. They are exhausted, outnumbered \_\_\_\_\_. Spartan leader \_\_\_\_\_ and Athenian militiaman, \_\_\_\_\_, prepare to make a last stand.
28. What new tactic do the Greeks unleash? \_\_\_\_\_
29. The phalanx- a human \_\_\_\_\_. The Greeks \_\_\_\_\_ the Persian advance. Soldiers scatter.
30. Pausanias will be remembered as the Spartan commander who \_\_\_\_\_ the war. Sophanes, as the \_\_\_\_\_ of all Athenians. With the help of \_\_\_\_\_ weapons, people power has resisted tyranny.
31. What monument is generated to commemorate the victory? \_\_\_\_\_
32. How long did it take to build the monument? \_\_\_\_\_

33. A temple to \_\_\_\_\_, goddess of wisdom, will become a \_\_\_\_\_ of democracy.

## RISE OF CHINA

22:20

34. In the \_\_\_\_\_, iron helps city-states fight for \_\_\_\_\_. 5,000 miles to the \_\_\_\_\_, it's one of the building blocks of the world's most enduring empire: \_\_\_\_\_.

35. True or False. Shi Huang Di, the first emperor of China, is on a journey to find the secret of eternal life.

36. What was crucial to Shi Huang Di's success? \_\_\_\_\_

37. True or False. Mankind's industrial future can be traced back to Shi Huang Di's rule.

38. The liquid iron is cast into \_\_\_\_\_ to produce identical objects, by the thousands. Two hundred years before Christ, the birth of \_\_\_\_\_. A technological revolution driven by one of the greatest game changers: \_\_\_\_\_.

39. What new weapon will transform the way we fight? \_\_\_\_\_

40. Bolts with an \_\_\_\_\_ core, fired at a high velocity, nearly a \_\_\_\_\_ mile. Easy to use. With just a few days' training, foot \_\_\_\_\_ become killing machines.

41. A new \_\_\_\_\_: standardized, \_\_\_\_\_ parts.

42. True or False. American gun makers were some of the first, after the Chinese, to make weapons using standardized mass produced parts.

43. Armed with the \_\_\_\_\_, the armies of the first emperor storm across six warring \_\_\_\_\_. In just \_\_\_\_\_ years he conquers more than a million square miles. \_\_\_\_\_ million people.

44. To \_\_\_\_\_ his new empire, the first emperor begins perhaps the most ambitious \_\_\_\_\_ project in the story of mankind: The Great \_\_\_\_\_ of China.

45. True or False. The Great Wall was designed to hold back the nomadic hordes of Europe.

46. How many years did it take to build The Great Wall of China? \_\_\_\_\_

47. \_\_\_\_\_ tablets prescribed by his doctors to make him \_\_\_\_\_ are destroying his brain and \_\_\_\_\_.

48. Aged \_\_\_\_\_, Shi Huang Di, China's first emperor, \_\_\_\_\_.

49. List three things that are buried with the emperor.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE PHOENICIANS

33:35

50. While in \_\_\_\_\_ the Age of Iron forges an empire, off the coast of \_\_\_\_\_, a fleet sails on an expedition that launches mankind's first great age of \_\_\_\_\_. Leading a fleet of 60 ships, \_\_\_\_\_, king of Carthage. He's on one of the first recorded voyages of \_\_\_\_\_.

51. True or False. Hanno's people are the Phoenicians, the best shipbuilders in the world.

52. What is a revolutionary invention for shipbuilding that keeps ships stable in the roughest waters? \_\_\_\_\_
53. Hanno has sailed from the Mediterranean into uncharted waters: the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. With 30,000 colonists he is looking for new \_\_\_\_\_, new \_\_\_\_\_.
54. The first written description of Mount Cameroon, the largest \_\_\_\_\_ in West \_\_\_\_\_ . Recorded using a revolutionary new writing technology: the \_\_\_\_\_.
55. How many letters does the Phoenician alphabet have? \_\_\_\_\_
56. True or False. The alphabet is one of the keys to the future of communication.
57. What other extraordinary thing does Hanno encounter? \_\_\_\_\_
58. What \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Lebanon, Tunisia, Cypress, Sicily, and the island of Ibiza. As they expand, so does knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**BABYLON****39:10**

59. What book is created in Babylon using the alphabet? \_\_\_\_\_
60. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Middle East, a great city famed for its hanging \_\_\_\_\_ . Here, a \_\_\_\_\_ revolution is underway.
61. Across the world, local \_\_\_\_\_ give way to powerful new beliefs, spread by the written \_\_\_\_\_. World faiths still with us today. Hinduism unites much of \_\_\_\_\_. From the foothills of the Himalayas, the words of \_\_\_\_\_ spread out across Asia. And in \_\_\_\_\_, the writings of Confucius will help order the lives of one quarter of the world.
62. In Babylon's \_\_\_\_\_, a group of exiles use their own alphabet, in the language of \_\_\_\_\_, to write down the history and beliefs of their people. Two generations ago, Babylonia conquered \_\_\_\_\_. Destroyed its temple to the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ Yahweh, exiled the \_\_\_\_\_ to Babylon. Now captives in a foreign land, the Jews begin what will become the most influential \_\_\_\_\_ in the story of mankind: the \_\_\_\_\_.
63. What revolutionary idea do the Jews create? \_\_\_\_\_
64. But for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon, the word of God is under threat. The city is sieged by the armies of the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire. If it falls, their fragile \_\_\_\_\_ could go up in flames.
65. True or False. Zerubbabel was an exiled prince and descendant of kings Solomon and David.
66. What does Zerubbabel decide to do? \_\_\_\_\_
67. How many families leave with Zerubbabel? \_\_\_\_\_
68. What is the sacred city for Zerubbabel? \_\_\_\_\_
69. Carrying with them words that will become the Old \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible, the most widely read \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ copies printed over the last \_\_\_\_\_ years.
70. \_\_\_\_\_ has opened a new age for mankind, transforming \_\_\_\_\_, forging new \_\_\_\_\_, changing the way we \_\_\_\_\_. Now a new kind of empire will rise: \_\_\_\_\_.