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 INLCUDES, 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
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**

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**

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? ________________
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? ___________________________________
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  

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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  

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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 ____________________.

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 Zerubabbel decide to do? __________________________

67. How many families leave with Zerubabbel? __________________________

68. What is the sacred city for Zerubabbel? __________________________

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: ____________________.