

**Essential Questions**

- What are the characteristics of major religions?
- How are they similar and different?
- How have major religions affected culture?
- How have belief systems spread over large areas?

**PRE- TEST**

Directions: For each statement below, determine whether the question applies to Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism or Buddhism. Each statement may apply to more than one religion. Write the appropriate letter (C, I, J, H or B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Their Holy Book is called the Quran
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is considered the son of God
3. \_\_\_\_\_ This religion accepts both the Old and New Testaments as Holy Books
4. \_\_\_\_\_ This religion believes in karma and reincarnation
5. \_\_\_\_\_ This is the main religion in India
6. \_\_\_\_\_ This religion believes in one Supreme Being
7. \_\_\_\_\_ This religion accepts the Old Testament as its only Holy Book
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem is considered a holy city
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Followers of this religion call themselves Muslims
10. \_\_\_\_\_ The Ten Commandments are accepted as guidelines for ethical behavior
11. \_\_\_\_\_ This religion has a number of sects or denominations
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Place of worship is a church
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Place of worship is a mosque
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Place of worship is a synagogue

## HINDUISM

### History

- Hinduism has \_\_\_\_\_, but originated from the mixing of Harappan and Aryan cultures in ancient \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hindus believe in one unifying spirit, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Brahman can manifest in many, \_\_\_\_\_, forms or in one, \_\_\_\_\_.



**Analyzing Primary Sources: Read the primary source about the Brahman in your textbook (page 67) and answer the questions from the powerpoint in your handout.**

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### Beliefs

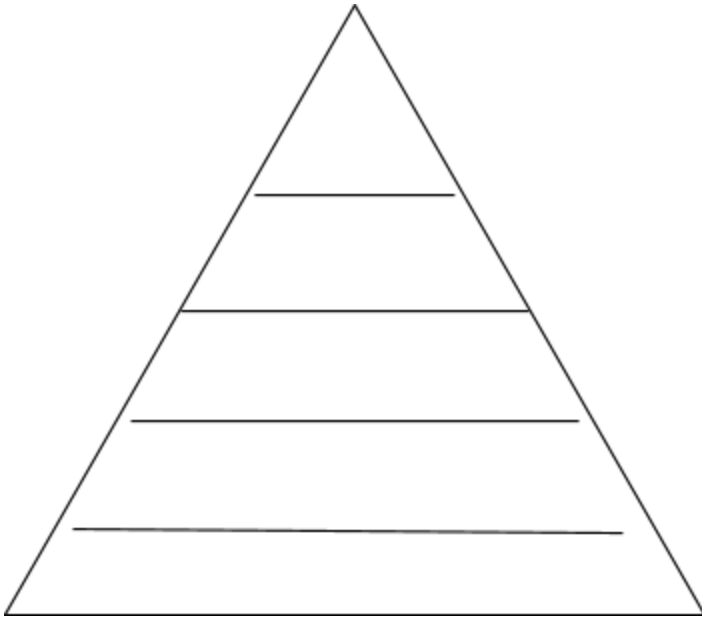
- Hinduism is based on the concept of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spirits return to earth many times in different forms trying to become one with Brahman.
- The soul moves up or down a hierarchy depending on their behavior in life.
- A person moves closer to Brahman by obeying the law of karma.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the sum of all your deeds, good and bad. Good deeds involve following your \_\_\_\_\_, or duties dependent on your position, gender and occupation.
- \_\_\_\_\_, or being released from the cycle of rebirth, is the ultimate goal for Hindus.



- The \_\_\_\_\_ (outlawed since 1948) was an important part of Hinduism.
- Castes are social classes into which a person is born and lives their entire life.
- If a person has good karma, they may be reincarnated into a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ separated Indian society into \_\_\_\_\_ in which everyone knew their place.

-They believed that if they followed the dharma of their caste, they would be reincarnated into a better caste.

Using the image on the slide, fill out the caste system pyramid.



**Analyzing Art:** Analyze the image in your textbook (page 64) and answer the questions from the powerpoint in your handout.

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### Sacred Texts

-Over the centuries Hindu beliefs were recorded into a number of \_\_\_\_\_ including the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

-The \_\_\_\_\_ is a Hindu creation story.

### Practices

-Hindus believe the \_\_\_\_\_ is a sacred site.

-Thousands make a pilgrimage each year and many wish to be cremated and have their ashes sprinkled in the river upon death.

-There are about \_\_\_\_\_ followers worldwide.

### Making a Connection

- What would be a pilgrimage in the religion you practice?
- Why?

## **BUDDHISM**

### History

-Buddhism was founded by \_\_\_\_\_ in northern \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_.

-Gautama was born into a wealthy Hindu family, but renounced his wealth to seek spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.



### Making a Connection

- List 5 things you want as gifts?

### Complete the chart on Buddhism's Four Noble Truths.

Buddhism is based on the Four Noble Truths:	
1.	All life is _____.
2.	Suffering is caused by desire for things that are _____.
3.	The way to eliminate suffering is to eliminate _____.
4.	Following the Eightfold path will help people to _____ desire.

## Making a Connection

- How did you feel while meditating?
- Why do you think buddhists use meditation?

## Beliefs

-Like Hindus, Buddhists also believe in reincarnation, & Karma.

-The ultimate goal of Buddhists is to reach \_\_\_\_\_ which stops the process of reincarnation.

-Originally, Buddhists \_\_\_\_\_ believe in any Gods.

## Sacred Texts

-Buddha did not record his teachings, but after he died, his followers collected them into the \_\_\_\_\_.

-Another well known Buddhist scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_.

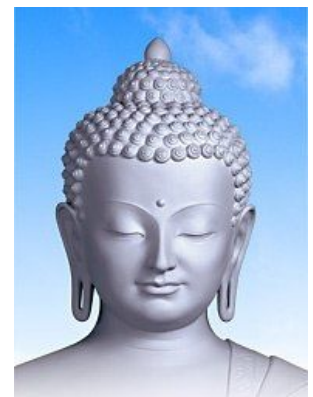
## Spread

-Buddhism spread through \_\_\_\_\_ to eastern Asia, including China, Thailand, Korea and Japan. In other areas, Buddhism was adapted and took on new forms.

-There are about \_\_\_\_\_ followers worldwide.

## Leadership

-Today's Tibetan Buddhists are led by the \_\_\_\_\_, who advocates for freedom from China.



## Critical Thinking: Why do you think Buddha is typically portrayed with long ears?

Create a Venn diagram below that compares and contrasts Hinduism and Buddhism.

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## **JUDAISM**

### **History**

-Judaism originated in the \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_.

-God made a \_\_\_\_\_, or promise to Abraham to be the God of the Hebrews. \_\_\_\_\_ is considered the founder of Judaism.



**Analyzing Sources:** Use the primary source in the powerpoint to answer the questions that follow.

1. According to the document, what did God have to do to create the universe?
  
2. What does this tell you about the extent of his power?

-According to Jewish tradition, God chose the Hebrews and helped them to escape slavery in \_\_\_\_\_.

-God gave Hebrews the \_\_\_\_\_ through Moses. The Ten Commandments describe how people should behave toward God and one another.

-Judaism is one of the first \_\_\_\_\_ religions.

**Analyzing Primary Sources: Complete the DBQs on page 79 of your textbook.**

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-Jews were discriminated against in the Roman Empire and eventually kicked out of their homeland, Israel, in what is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sacred Texts**

-The \_\_\_\_\_ is a sacred scripture recording laws and events in Jewish history. The Old Testament of the Bible includes the Torah.

**Followers**

-There are about \_\_\_\_\_ followers worldwide.

-The \_\_\_\_\_ is the universal symbol of Judaism.

-Judaism had a great influence on the later development of Christianity and Islam.



## CHRISTIANITY

### History

- Christianity originated from Judaism about 30 CE. Christians believe that \_\_\_\_\_ was a \_\_\_\_\_, or savior sent by God to bring eternal life to anyone who would follow him.
- Jesus accepted the \_\_\_\_\_ and also preached equality of man before God.
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in the Roman Empire.



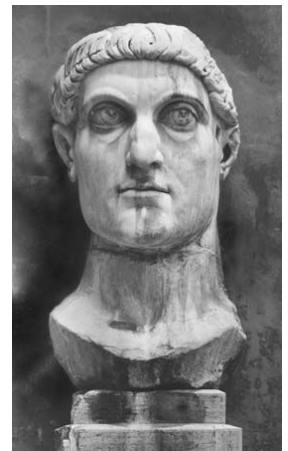
**Analyzing Sources & Making Connections: Read the primary source on page 169 in your textbook and answer the following questions.**

1. Why do you think Jesus would want people to love their enemies?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are some situations that might happen in your life that would make you have to “offer your other cheek”?

### Spread

#### Persecution of Christians

- Christians posed a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Roman Rulers because they refused to worship Roman gods
- Christians were used as \_\_\_\_\_. Romans exiled, imprisoned, or executed Christians for refusing to worship Roman deities.
- Despite persecution, Christianity became a powerful force and \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Roman Empire
- Continued to gain strength when \_\_\_\_\_ (Roman Emperor) converted to Christianity and announced an end to persecution (AD 313)





## Leadership

### Church Structure

- As the church grew, a \_\_\_\_\_ emerged
- The Church had different ranks of \_\_\_\_\_ , or religious \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ was head of Church
- All clergy, including bishops and priests fell under \_\_\_\_\_
- For most people, \_\_\_\_\_ served as the main contact with the Church



## Sacred Text

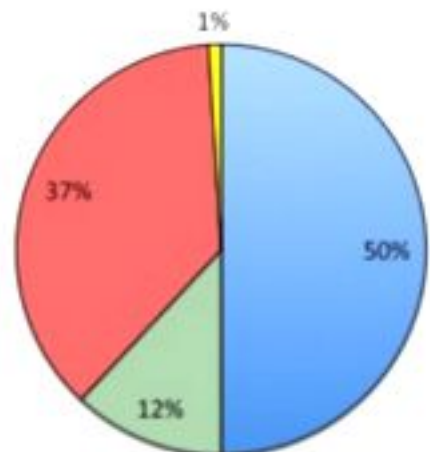
- The sacred text of Christianity is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- There are about \_\_\_\_\_ followers worldwide.

**Interpreting Maps: Complete the Geography Skillbuilder on page 171 of your textbook.**

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**Global Christianity- Label the different branches of Christianity on the pie graph.**



**Comprehension Questions:**

1. What do all these belief systems have in common?
2. Which two originated in the Middle East?
3. Which two originated in India?
4. Which religion gave rise to the caste system?
5. How do religions spread?
6. How are Hinduism and Buddhism alike and different?

Complete the Major World Belief Systems Chart with the information presented in the Powerpoint.

	Hinduism 	Buddhism 	Judaism 	Christianity 
Followers Worldwide				
Name of Deity				
Founder				
Holy Book				
Basic Beliefs				