

## **AP World History Summer Assignment**

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### **Part 1: Maps**

*Please print and label the four attached maps.*

1. World Regions
2. Major Bodies of Water
3. Mountain Ranges and Deserts
4. Post-Classical Civilizations

### **Part 2: Crash Course Videos**

*Watch and answer the attached questions to the five crash course videos that correspond to the first unit of the course.*

- [Video 9](#): The Silk Road
- [Video 7](#): 2000 Years of Chinese History
- [Video 13](#): Islam
- [Video 14](#): The Dark Ages
- [Video 15](#): The Crusades

### **Part 3: World Belief Systems**

*The influence of major religions and philosophies on societies will provide a recurring theme throughout the course. Complete the attached charts in detail using the resources below.*

- BBC Religion and Ethics Website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>
- Infoplease.com:  
<https://www.infoplease.com/culture-entertainment/religion/major-religions-world>

To help you complete each section of the chart, be sure to keep the following in mind:

1. Symbol: Draw and name the appropriate symbol for each religion.
2. Founder: Name the historical founder (if any).
3. Place and date of origin: When and where the religion began.
4. Modern Extent: Where most adherents live today (country/continent).
5. Holy or Sacred Texts: Make sure to look at the suggested websites.
6. Teaching: Summarize the core beliefs and teachings of each belief system (i.e. the 5 Pillars of Islam)
7. Role of Women: Explain the accepted role of women in each belief system.

# Regions of the World



Identify the following regions:

North America

South Asia

Central Africa

Oceania

East Asia

South Africa

Middle East

Southeast Asia

East Africa

Europe

North Africa

Mesoamerica

Central Asia

West Africa

South America

# Mapping exercises

## Map 2: Part 1

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Atlantic Ocean     | 13) Black Sea       |
| 2) Pacific Ocean      | 14) Caspian Sea     |
| 3) Indian Ocean       | 15) Great Lakes     |
| 4) Arctic Ocean       | 16) Red Sea         |
| 5) North Sea          | 17) Persian Gulf    |
| 6) Baltic Sea         | 18) Arabian Sea     |
| 7) English Channel    | 19) Bay of Bengal   |
| 8) Norwegian Sea      | 20) South China Sea |
| 9) Barents Sea        | 21) East China Sea  |
| 10) Mediterranean Sea | 22) Yellow Sea      |
| 11) Adriatic Sea      | 23) Sea of Japan    |
| 12) Aegean Sea        |                     |

## Map 2: Part 2

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|----------------|----------------------|
| 1) Nile        | 8) Yellow (Huang He) |
| 2) Tigris      | 9) Yangtze           |
| 3) Euphrates   | 10) Ganges           |
| 4) Amazon      | 11) Irrawaddy        |
| 5) Mississippi | 12) Mekong           |
| 6) Rio Grande  | 13) Congo            |
| 7) Indus       | 14) Danube           |

## Map 3

Label mountain ranges in brown (or your choice)

- 1) Rocky Mountains
- 2) Appalachian Mountains
- 3) Andes Mountains
- 4) Alps
- 5) Atlas Mountains
- 6) Ural Mountains
- 7) Hindu Kush
- 8) Himalayan Mountains

Label deserts in yellow (or your choice)

- 1) Gobi Desert
- 2) Kalahari Desert
- 3) Sahara Desert
- 4) Thar Desert
- 5) Great Basin
- 6) Mohave Desert
- 7) Namib Desert
- 8) Syrian Desert

## Map 4

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Abbasid Caliphate | 6) Bantu Migrations      |
| 2) Song Dynasty      | 7) Polynesian Migrations |
| 3) Heian Japan       | 8) Srivijaya             |
| 4) Byzantine Empire  | 9) Khmer Empire          |
| 5) Ghana Empire      | 10) Mongol Empire        |

## Bodies of Water



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## Mountain Ranges and Deserts



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The World in 1200 C.E.



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# John Green Crash Course World History

## Video 9: The Silk Road

1. Who did the Silk Road connect through trade?
2. Why is the term Silk Road a misnomer?
3. Although the Silk Road traded primarily in high cost goods, in what ways did it impact the lower classes?

## Video 7: 2000 Years of Chinese History

1. How did the Qin and Han dynasties impact China for the next two thousand years?
2. Explain the Mandate of Heaven.
3. What was Confucius? Impact on Chinese society for the next two thousand years?

## Video 13: Islam

1. What was the Arabia like prior to the emergence of Islam?
2. How did Muhammad's forceful expulsion from Mecca ultimately impact Islam?

3. What allowed the Umayyad Caliphate to spread Islam so successfully in the first centuries after the death of Muhammad?
4. How did the spread of Islam impact Afro – Eurasia in the following several centuries?

#### **Video 14: The Dark Ages**


1. What were governing bodies in Europe like at this time? How did that system function?
2. How did the Abbasid Caliphate impact Europe during this time?
3. What was the rest of the world up to during this same era?

#### **Video 15: The Crusades**

1. What led to the First Crusade?
2. What is Green's explanation for the success of the First Crusade?
3. How did the Fourth Crusade impact the Byzantine Empire?



# Classical Eastern Semi-Religious Philosophies

|                          | Daoism  | Confucianism |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|
| Symbol                   |    |              |
| Founder or Patriarch     | Laozi (Lao-tzu), otherwise known as the "Old Master"  |              |
| Place & Date of Origin   | c. 500 BCE during the Zhou Dynasty; would become popularized throughout China c. 200 BCE  |              |
| Modern Extent            | China, as well as other regions formerly under Chinese dynastic influence   |              |
| Holy or Sacred Texts     | Tao-te China (Book of the Way), stresses the path toward wisdom through experience  |              |
| Teachings & Core Beliefs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dictates that the universe and all within are permeated by a natural order that must be felt and experienced in order to be understood</li> <li>• Temporal matters are of little concern; seeking knowledge of the dao (or way) through nature, poetry, and experience is all that matters</li> <li>• Great emphasis on the individual and the balance with nature (Yin-Yang)</li> <li>• A true Taoist embraces the nature of things, and surrenders themselves to "experience"</li> <li>• Co-exists with Eastern concepts of Buddhism and Confucianism</li> </ul> |              |
| Role of Women            | Makes no concrete distinctions between men and women; all are equal in light of the Dao   |              |

|                          | Hinduism | Buddhism |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Symbol                   |          |          |
| Founder or Patriarch     |          |          |
| Place & Date of Origin   |          |          |
| Modern Extent            |          |          |
| Holy or Sacred Texts     |          |          |
| Teachings & Core Beliefs |          |          |
| Role of Women            |          |          |

# Monotheistic Religions of Western Eurasia

|                          | Christianity | Judaism | Islam |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------|-------|
| Symbol                   |              |         |       |
| Founder or Patriarch     |              |         |       |
| Place & Date of Origin   |              |         |       |
| Modern Extent            |              |         |       |
| Holy or Sacred Texts     |              |         |       |
| Teachings & Core Beliefs |              |         |       |
| Role of Women            |              |         |       |