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# World Religions

Monotheism –

Polytheism –

Animism –

Filial Piety –

Veneration of Ancestors –

Deity –

Pilgrimage –

## **Independent Reading – A Folk Tale:**

Several warriors were hunting in the forest for their food supply. While walking through the thick bushes, one warrior suddenly let out a loud scream. He tried to stand up, his face full of pain and terror. He fell down and died after a few minutes of suffering.

The other men rushed to see who was the hidden enemy. They noticed a snake slithering away into the forest. They caught up with the creature and noticed its needle-like tongue sticking out and hissing at them. One of the warriors got too close, was stung by the sharp tongue, and fell dead.

The rest rushed home, back to the tribe, carrying the bodies of the two dead men. They told the chief that an angry and mean spirit, unknown to them, had attacked their brothers. After this, the people began to pray to the Snake God for protection against his anger.

- 1. Give 2 reasons why the people made the snake into a God.**
- 2. What do you think the warriors will teach their children about the snake?**
- 3. What will the group do to people who won't worship the snake?**
- 4. What is the purpose of religion, according to this tale?**

# CONFUCIANISM

CONFUCIUS was a scholar and teacher that lived during the Zhou Dynasty. He is considered the FOUNDER OF CONFUCIANISM.

What is Confucianism? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Major Beliefs and Teachings of Confucianism:

THE ANALECTS: \_\_\_\_\_

1. 5 Basic Relationships: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Filial Piety: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Lead by Example: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Family: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Education: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Merit Based Society: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Civil Service Exams: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Patriarchy: \_\_\_\_\_

## Daoism/Taoism

Daoism developed during a period of disorder and chaos in China.

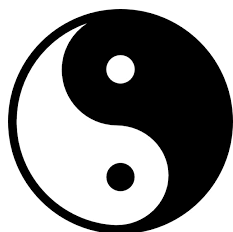
Founder:

Origins:

Text:

Tao:

Harmony:



## Shinto

Shinto means “\_\_\_\_\_” and is a religion that focuses on

Kami:

Ancestor Worship:

## Legalism

Chinese philosophy pioneered by Emperor \_\_\_\_\_.

Central Idea:

# HINDUISM: The Religion and Way of Life in INDIA

Hindu Origins:

Holy Books: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Beliefs:

Brahman –

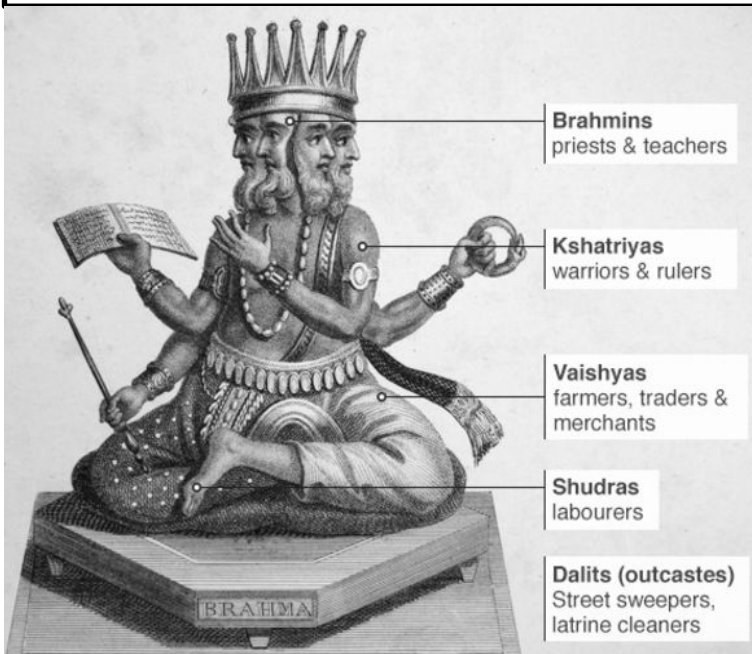
Reincarnation –

Karma –

Dharma –

Moksha –

Ahimsa -



## The Caste System

The Caste System is a \_\_\_\_\_ in India.

Caste is determined by \_\_\_\_\_ and there is

\_\_\_\_\_. It creates \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ in India throughout history.

## BUDDHISM

Founder: \_\_\_\_\_

Origins: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Beliefs

4 Noble Truths:

1)

2)

3)

4)

Nirvana:

Eightfold Path:

Buddhists believe in \_\_\_\_\_ but

REJECT the \_\_\_\_\_.



# Monotheistic Religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Followers of Judaism, Christianity and Islam practice \_\_\_\_\_, a belief in \_\_\_\_\_. They all share the following SIMILARITIES:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

## **Judaism: The World’s First Major Monotheistic Religion**

It was founded by \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

Jews believe that God gave \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Jewish Holy Book is the \_\_\_\_\_ and Jews worship in \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Christianity: The World’s Largest Religion and is Practiced Around the World**

Christians believe in \_\_\_\_\_ and that he is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the main Holy Book and contains \_\_\_\_\_.

Christians are grouped into many \_\_\_\_\_ and worship in \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Islam: The World’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Religion and is the major religion in the Arab World**

The Arabic word for God is \_\_\_\_\_ and Followers of Islam are known as \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the Founder of Islam and is considered \_\_\_\_\_.

The Holy Text for Islam is \_\_\_\_\_ and Muslims follow \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

