**Religion**

Consider the Following: Polytheism (pantheon) vs. monotheism, enumerated laws, relation to state (theocracy), gender roles, missionaries, major ideologies, schisms, syncretism, economic interests, persecution of minority religions

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|  | 8000 – 600 CE | 600 – 1450 CE | 1450-1750 CE | 1750 – 1914 CE | 1914 - Present |
| East Asia | Ancestor worship (China, Japan)  Spirits of nature (China)  Confucianism, Daoism, Legalism.  women treated as subservient (food binding) | Neo-Confucianism  Daoism, Confucianism, Legalism= philosophies/semi religion  Ancestor worship ****  Leaders- Mandate of Heaven  Foot binding less due to silk road | Influence of Buddhism- Samurais detachment from pain. ****  Neo Confucianism  Religion through trade.  Women increased restrictions, lower class better | Christianity Japan  Agnostics- believe in god but no religion.  Global  State sponsored religion-Shintoism **** | Both open up  Atheism- no god in China  Shintoism, sects of Buddhism, and some belief of Confucianism (a combination of all) |
| Western Europe | Polytheism- many gods  Animism- believe in animals  Monotheism- single god  Christianity, Judaism | Christianity spread- Crusades  Theocratic  Church powerful economic entity(no tax) | Reformation- split in church Protestant, Catholic  Enlightenment  Scientific revolution- less religious, secular  Inquisition-kill heretics | Persecute Judaism- (later Nazi) ****  Increasing beliefs in deism and Atheism – due to Enlightenment and affects of Bubonic Plague  Protestant (counter-reformation)  Strong revival in Roman Catholicism (counter-reformation) | Christianity  Influx of Muslim  Freedom of religion |
| Eastern Europe | Animism  Christianity- monotheism  Judaism- monotheism | Some influence of Islam – due to Mongol influence  Christianity (Tsar)  Orthodox Christianity | Orthodox Christianity Tsar supported by Church  Ortho- right correct dox- thinking, Third Rome  Women- dressed like Western  **** | Continued strong belief in Orthodox Christianity  Persecute Jews- pogroms | 1917-1991- Atheism  Christian revival  More freedom in religions  Still strong belief in Orthodox Christianity  Existing influence of Islam |
| South Asia | Animism  Spirits of nature  Caste system- through Hinduism  Codified laws | Ashoka-Buddhism, classical- religion flourished  Subverted caste system- Brahmans angry | Gupta-caste system, Hinduism  Classical-religion flourished  Islam-major force  Out law sati, female aristocrats | Islam continues to grow  British colonization affects religion, Christianity | Second largest Muslim nation  Hinduism main  India split, Pakistan and India |
| Latin America | Animism  Polytheism | Native American religious  Sun god- sacrifice  Losers of the battle sacrificed to the Gods. | Missionary dominant force to conversion  African belief systems (due to slave trade) Christianity- dominant | Christianity dominant  Less of traditional gods.  Restricted religion | Christianity- limited role (however, strong legacy of Christianity behind) |
| Middle East | Polytheistic | Greater women’s right (Muhammad’s wife higher)  Islam- submission  Acceptance of people of the book  (Christianity, Judaism)  Allow converts (Malawi)  Ulama- fundamentalist  Sharia- Islamic laws, veiling | Conservative movements  Gunpowder nations - Ottoman Empire- tolerant of non-Muslims.  Govern variety – Orthodox, Nestorian, Coptic, Catholic, Protestant , Sunnis, Shiites  Harems | Ottoman Empire  Islam  Secularized- scientific knowledge instead of clergy complaints  Tanzimat reforms- religious tolerance, schools for women | Persecution of Jews  Majority Islam – Sunnis vs. Shiites |
| **Major Themes/Turning Points** | Nation-states- need for organized religion  Something to hold them together.  Islam- Arabs held by religion | Spanish-Christianity  Mohammed  Spread of trade  Persian Ulama- conservative back lash  Spread of trade (Mongol, silk road) | Schism- great split Orthodox and Catholic  Reformation-protestant and Catholic  Against catholic abuse- intellectual movements  Atlantic trade | Colonization  Missionaries  Secular  Industrialization  More trade | Globalization  Flat world  Technology- internet |