**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 HeavenFoot binding less due to silk road | Influence of Buddhism- Samurais detachment from pain. ****Neo ConfucianismReligion through trade. Women increased restrictions, lower class better | Christianity Japan Agnostics- believe in god but no religion. GlobalState sponsored religion-Shintoism **** | Both open upAtheism- no god in ChinaShintoism, sects of Buddhism, and some belief of Confucianism (a combination of all) |
| Western Europe | Polytheism- many godsAnimism- believe in animalsMonotheism- single godChristianity, Judaism  | Christianity spread- Crusades TheocraticChurch powerful economic entity(no tax)  | Reformation- split in church Protestant, CatholicEnlightenmentScientific revolution- less religious, secularInquisition-kill heretics  | Persecute Judaism- (later Nazi) ****Increasing beliefs in deism and Atheism – due to Enlightenment and affects of Bubonic PlagueProtestant (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 influenceChristianity (Tsar) Orthodox Christianity  | Orthodox Christianity Tsar supported by Church Ortho- right correct dox- thinking, Third RomeWomen- dressed like Western**** | Continued strong belief in Orthodox ChristianityPersecute Jews- pogroms  | 1917-1991- AtheismChristian revival More freedom in religionsStill strong belief in Orthodox ChristianityExisting influence of Islam |
| South Asia | AnimismSpirits of natureCaste system- through HinduismCodified laws  | Ashoka-Buddhism, classical- religion flourishedSubverted caste system- Brahmans angry  | Gupta-caste system, Hinduism Classical-religion flourishedIslam-major force Out law sati, female aristocrats | Islam continues to growBritish colonization affects religion, Christianity  | Second largest Muslim nationHinduism mainIndia split, Pakistan and India |
| Latin America | AnimismPolytheism  | Native American religiousSun god- sacrificeLosers of the battle sacrificed to the Gods.  | Missionary dominant force to conversionAfrican belief systems (due to slave trade) Christianity- dominant | Christianity dominantLess 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- submissionAcceptance of people of the book (Christianity, Judaism)Allow converts (Malawi)Ulama- fundamentalist Sharia- Islamic laws, veiling | Conservative movementsGunpowder nations - Ottoman Empire- tolerant of non-Muslims.Govern variety – Orthodox, Nestorian, Coptic, Catholic, Protestant , Sunnis, Shiites Harems  | Ottoman Empire IslamSecularized- scientific knowledge instead of clergy complaintsTanzimat reforms- religious tolerance, schools for women  | Persecution of JewsMajority Islam – Sunnis vs. Shiites |
| **Major Themes/Turning Points** | Nation-states- need for organized religionSomething to hold them together.Islam- Arabs held by religion | Spanish-ChristianityMohammedSpread of tradePersian Ulama- conservative back lash Spread of trade (Mongol, silk road) | Schism- great split Orthodox and CatholicReformation-protestant and CatholicAgainst catholic abuse- intellectual movementsAtlantic trade | ColonizationMissionariesSecularIndustrializationMore trade | GlobalizationFlat worldTechnology- internet |