

Vocabulary to Know

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Activity spaces
Interface areas
Religion
Secularism
Monotheistic religion
Polytheistic religion
Animistic religion
Universalizing religion
Ethnic religion
Hinduism
Caste system
Syncretic
Buddhism
Shintoism
Taoism

Column 2

Feng Shui
Confucianism
Judaism
diaspora
Zionism
interfaith
intrafaith
extremism
Christianity
Eastern Orthodox Church
Roman Catholic Church
Protestant
Islam
Sunni
Shi'ite

Column 3

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Unit 5: Religion

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Key Question #1: What is religion and what role does it play in culture?

1. Why do peace walls exist in Belfast, Ireland?
2. How does religion affect the location of activity spaces for the residents of Belfast?
3. Why do the residents of Belfast act differently in “interspace areas”?
4. Give 3 examples for how religions diffuse across the world.
5. How does religion affect burial customs?
6. How do geographers Robert Stoddard and Carolyn Prorak define religion?
7. Define “shouldness”

8. In which more developed country does the highest percentage of the population consider religion to be very important in their lives?

9. Which more developed countries have the lowest rates of people saying religion is very important in their lives?

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Key Question #2: Where did the world’s major religions originate, and how do religions diffuse?

1. Briefly describe each of the following.
 - a. monotheistic religions

 - b. polytheistic religions

 - c. animistic religions

2. Why is the map depicted in figure 7.6 flawed?

3. What is the difference between a universalizing religion and an ethnic religion?

4. Fill out the chart for Hinduism below.

Hearth	When was it founded?	Number of followers.
Where and how did it spread?	Basic Beliefs.	

5. Fill in the chart for Buddhism below.

Hearth	When was it founded and who founded it?	Number of followers
Where did it spread?	Basic Beliefs.	
Describe Theravada Buddhism	Describe Mahayana Buddhism	Describe Vajrayana Buddhism

5. Fill in the chart for Shintoism below.

Hearth	Where is it practiced?	Number of followers
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6. Fill in the chart for Taoism below

Hearth	Where is it practiced?	Number of followers
Describe Feng Shui?	Basic Beliefs.	

7. Fill in the chart for Confucianism below.

Hearth	Where is it practiced?	How has the Chinese government suppressed this belief system?
Is this really a religion?	Basic Beliefs.	

8. Fill in the chart for Judaism below.

Hearth	Where is it practiced?	How many followers world wide?
How is this ethnic religion different from other ethnic religions?	Basic Beliefs.	
Describe diaspora.	Describe zionism.	Briefly describe the three major movements within the religion.

9. Fill in the chart for Christianity below.

Hearth	Where is it practiced?	How many followers world wide?
Describe the Eastern Orthodox Church	Basic Universal Beliefs for all branches.	
Describe the Roman Catholic Church.	Describe Protestant.	Where did it spread?

10. Fill in the chart for Islam below.

Hearth	Where is it practiced?	How many followers world wide?
Describe Sunni.	Basic Universal Beliefs for all branches.	
Describe Shi'ite	What are the religious leaders called?	Where did it spread?

11. What are indigenous religions?

12. What are shamanistic religions? Where are they practiced?

13. Where has secularism become more popular?

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Key Question #3: How is religion seen in the cultural landscape?

1. How are sacred Catholic sites in Ireland different from those throughout most of the rest of Europe?
2. How do Bear Butte and Devils Tower used in different ways by different groups?
3. Why do Muslims, Christians and Jews all consider Jerusalem a holy place?
4. How does the construction of Hindu temples relate to Karma, and why are there so many of them in India?
5. Where do Buddhists go on pilgrimages?
6. What is a pagoda?

7. Match each of the following structures with the appropriate religion. Religions can be used more than once.
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| 1. Mosque | a. Shinto |
| 2. Church | b. Islam |
| 3. Synagogue | c. Judaism |
| 4. Pagoda | d. Christianity |
| 5. Torii Gate | e. Buddhism |
| 6. Minaret | f. Hinduism |
| 7. Shrine to Vishnu | |
| 8. Angkor Wat | |
| 9. The Noble Sanctuary | |
| 10. Western Wall | |
| 11. Borobudur | |

8. Which religions are more likely to cremate their dead?

9. Which religions are more likely to bury their dead?

10. How has the purpose of many ornate Cathedrals changed in Europe through recent years?

11. Based on the map on page 197, identify which branch of Christianity is dominant in each of the following areas.

A. Utah

D. California

G. Maine

B. Michigan

E. Southern Florida

H. Southern Idaho

C. Georgia

F. The Southwest

J. Minnesota

12. How do many Protestant churches differ in their construction from Catholic Cathedrals?

13. What is the hajj?

14. How did Muslim architects incorporate earlier Roman models into their Mosque designs?

15. What is the difference between ziarat and the hajj?

1. What is the difference between an interfaith and intrafaith boundary?

2. Use the map on page 201 to trace the interfaith boundary on the map below. Shade in the areas that are dominated by Christianity and Islam.

3. What was the root cause of the conflict in Israel/Palestine?

4. Aside from religion, what are the other causes for tension along the interfaith boundaries in Nigeria?



5. How did Boko Haram come into existence?

6. How did Protestants and Catholics divide activity spaces in Belfast, Ireland?

7. Why does religious extremism sometimes develop out of religious fundamentalism?

8. Give examples of religious extremism for each of the following religions?

A) Christianity

B) Judaism

C) Islam