

WORLD RELIGIONS THEMATIC FREEHAND MAP OF THE WORLD

VOCABULARY:

culture (the way a group of people live – their beliefs, customs, arts and other human creations)

cultural diffusion (the way in which cultures spread, combine or influence each other)

religion (an organized system of beliefs and practices based on a super natural being or beings)

Holy Land (modern day Israel; the birthplace of three major world religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam)

sect (group within a larger religion with unique beliefs and practices)

DIRECTIONS:

You will be drawing a freehand map of the world that will show the *diffusion* of religions around the world. This is an example of a thematic map.

You will draw this map on the back of this paper making sure to label continents, oceans, hemispheres, Equator, Prime Meridian, Tropic of Cancer, and Tropic of Capricorn. You will need to include a compass rose and a legend that is colored coded according to each of religions shown on your map.

You will find maps with information about the distribution of religions on either pages 42 and 163 of your class atlas or page 86 of your class text. The map on page 86 shows different *sects* of Christianity and Islam. You can color each religion one color. It does not need to be broken down into different colors by sect.

When you have completed the map you will need to copy the pie graph on page 42 of your class atlas on the back of your world map. Make sure you use the same colors as you used to color each religion on your map. Label each section and write percentages.

Lastly, you will need to answer the question on the back of this page related to the theme of your map – the diffusion of world religions.

GRADING RUBRIC

The following must be drawn **neatly**, **accurately** and **labeled** to earn full credit. Double check your work to make sure this has been done.

Thematic world map

- ❖ 7 continents _____/14
- ❖ 4 oceans _____/4
- ❖ Prime Meridian _____/1
- ❖ Equator _____/1
- ❖ Tropic of Cancer _____/1
- ❖ Tropic of Capricorn _____/1
- ❖ 4 Hemispheres _____/4
- ❖ Compass Rose _____/4
- ❖ Map accurately colored _____/20
- ❖ Map Legend (color/name) _____/ 14

TOTAL _____ / 64

World religions pie graph

- Color matches map _____ / 7
- Accurate labels / % _____ / 7

TOTAL _____/14

World religions reflection questions

- All questions answered correctly _____ / 13

TOTAL FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT _____/91

- 1.) Name the three religions that originated in the Holy Land.
- 2.) What was the name of the series of wars – lasting almost 200 years - fought over which religion would control the Holy Land?
- 3.) Followers of which two religions were the primary warriors fighting for control of this sacred part of the world?
- 4.) Southwest Asia witnessed the founding of three great world religions and much bloodshed for control of the region. Which of these religions is the primary *religion* in the region today?
- 5.) Explain how the location of the Holy Land made it possible for the *diffusion* of Islam, Christianity and Judaism into Africa, Asia and Europe. **Provide one example of how this *diffusion* of religions might have happened.**
- 6.) What is India's primary (main) religion?
- 7.) What is the primary religion in South America?
- 8.) What is the primary religion in North America?
- 9.) Why do you think North and South America share the same religion? Other continents seem to have a mix of major religions, but not the western hemisphere. How might you explain this?
- 10) How did Christianity cross the Atlantic Ocean? Who brought these religious ideas to North and South America? This is an example of MOVEMENT. Provide at least one example of how you think this happened.
- 11) Which *religion* was the first monotheistic *religion*?
- 12) Which country in the world can you find Judaism as the primary, or main, religion?
- 13) In Israel, serving in the military is mandatory – required – for everyone when they reach the age of 18. This means every young man and young women will serve at least two years in the military of Israel. Explain why the country of Israel might not feel safe in the region of the Middle East.