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AP World History Summer Assignment
Early Major Religions / Belief Systems Graphic Organizer

	Zoroastrianism	Legalism
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		N/A
Founder/Leaders <i>(if known)</i>		
Key Texts		
Basic Beliefs & Practices		
Expansion/Influence <i>(Where did it spread geographically by the end of 600 C.E.?)</i>		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?		

Question:

What aspects of Zoroastrianism would later influence Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

	Confucianism	Daoism
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		
Founder/Leaders <i>(if known)</i>		
Key Texts		
Basic Beliefs & Practices		
Expansion/Influence <i>(Where did it spread by the end of 1200 C.E.?)</i>		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?	<p>What is Neoconfucianism?</p> <p>Role of the Civil Service Exam:</p>	

Answer these questions:

- How did Confucianism create and support a rigid social hierarchy? Who had power? Who didn't?
- How did Confucianism provide legitimacy for the government?
- How did Confucianism reinforce the patriarchy in Chinese society?

	Hinduism	Buddhism
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		
Founder/Leaders <i>(if known)</i>	N/A	
Key Texts		
Basic Beliefs & Practices		
Expansion/Influence <i>(Where did it spread by the end of 1200 C.E.?)</i>		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?	Role of the caste system in South Asian society:	Role of Buddhist monastic communities/monks : Mahayana vs. Theravada Buddhism:

Answer these questions:

How was Buddhism similar to Christianity?

	Judaism	Christianity
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		
Founder/Leaders <i>(if known)</i>		
Key Texts		
Beliefs/ Practices/ Rituals		
Expansion/Influence <i>(Where did it spread by the end of 1200 C.E.?)</i>		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?		<p>Christianity in the Roman Empire:</p> <p>Role of the Catholic Church in medieval Europe:</p>

List three similarities between Judaism and Christianity:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

	Islam	
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		
Founder/Leaders <i>(if known)</i>		
Key Texts		
Basic Beliefs & Practices		
Expansion/Influence <i>Where did it spread by the end of 1200 C.E.?</i>		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?		