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#### **TRIMESTER 2 – UNIT 4**

Comparative World Religions (CA. 2,000 B.C.E. – ca. 630 C.E.)

(This is not a separate unit – the content is embedded into other units. As the content falls chronologically into the curriculum – you will need to continually compare and contrast the Five World Religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism).

See additional resources.

#### **Unit Description:**

6.4 - Major religions and belief systems developed in the Eastern Hemisphere. There were important similarities and differences between these belief systems. (Standard: 2; Themes: ID, SOC

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	COMMON CORE & NCSS STANDARDS	CONTENT	STUDENT PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS/ASSESSMENTS (Suggested assessments - choose one or more)
How did the diffusion or spreading of religion throughout the world cause migration, trade and war?	<ul> <li>6.4a Civilizations and complex societies developed belief systems and religions that have similar, as well as different, characteristics</li> <li>6.4b Belief systems and religions are based on sets of mutually held values</li> <li>6.4c Belief systems and religions often are used to unify groups of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students will study the belief systems of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Confucianism by looking at where the belief system originated, when it originated, founder(s) if any, and the major tenets, practices, and sacred writings or holy texts for each. (Note: Although not within this historic period, students may also study Sikhism and other major belief systems at this point.) (6.4b)</li> <li>Students will be able to identify similarities and differences across belief systems, including their effect on social order and gender roles. (6.4c)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use library and internet sources to research the role of food and food customs in one of the world's major religions. Create a presentation to report your findings to the class. (Seal of Civic Readiness Pillar: Civic Knowledge)</li> <li>Select any nation in the world and research how that nation's laws or government protects or does not protect freedom of religion for its citizens. Share your findings with the class. (Seal of Civic Readiness Pillar: Civic Mindset)</li> <li>After being assigned to one of the main world religions, gather evidence on how</li> </ul>

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people and may affect social order and gender roles.	<ul> <li>Students will exp various belief sys cultures and even</li> </ul>	stems on contemporary	your assigned religion promotes justice, kindness, fairness, and respect for others. Create a chart or poster to present your findings to the class.
Resources:		Topic 5 Ancient Greece	
		Lesson 4: Greek Mythology and Belief Systems	
FOCUS LESSONS:		<b>Topic 6 Ancient South Asia</b>	
		Lesson 3: Religions of Ar	
World Religions Handbook		Topic 7 Early China, Korea, Japan	
		Lesson 5: Confucian Idea	ls
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES		<b>Topic 9 The Rise of Christian Kingdoms</b>	
		Lesson 1: Christian Kingo	loms,
<b>Topic 3 Ancient Egypt and Kush</b>		Lesson 2: Early Christians	
Lesson 5: Egyptian Religion and Art		Lesson 3: Early Church	
Topic 4 The Israelites		Topic 11 Medieval Europe	
Lesson 3: Beliefs		Lesson 5: Kingdoms and Crusades	
Lesson 4: Greco-Roman Judaism		Lesson 7: Culture and Church	
		<b>Topic 12 Rise of Islamic</b>	<b>Empires</b>

Lesson 3: The Rise of Islam

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#### **TRIMESTER 2 – UNIT**

COMPARATIVE CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE (ca. 600 B.C.E. – ca. 500 C.E.)

(10-13 Weeks)

(Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Ancient China)

#### **Unit Description:**

6.5 - As complex societies and civilizations change over time; their political and economic structures evolve. A golden age may be indicated when there is an extended period of time that is peaceful, prosperous, and demonstrates great cultural achievements. (Standards: 2, 3, 5; Themes: ID, TCC, GEO, SOC, GOV, CIV)

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	COMMON CORE & NCSS STANDARDS	CONTENT	STUDENT PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS/ASSESSMENTS (Suggested assessments - choose one or more)
How did the achievements of Classical Civilizations affect present day government, architecture, social events and	6.5a Geographic factors influence the development of classical civilizations and their political structures	➤ Students will locate the classical civilizations on a map and identify geographic factors that influenced the extent of their boundaries, locate their cities on a map, and identify their political structures. ¬ Students will compare the similarities and differences between the Chinese (Qin, Han) (6.5a)	• Class Newspaper – Each student will take a different headline from either Greece, Rome or China (teacher created topics) and write an informative article to be added to the class newspaper. (Seal of Civic Readiness Pillar: Civic Knowledge)
<ul> <li>traditions?</li> <li>How does a society's culture express what it values?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>6.5b Political structures were developed to establish order, to create and enforce laws, and to enable decision making</li> <li>6.5c A period of peace, prosperity,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students will compare the similarities and differences between the Chinese (Qin, Han) and Greco-Roman classical civilizations by examining religion, job specialization, cities, government, language/record keeping system, technology, and social hierarchy (6.5a)</li> <li>Students will examine the similarities and differences between the political systems of Chinese (Qin, Han) and Greco-Roman (Athens,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Athens / Sparta Reflect - write a well-developed paragraph explaining how the political systems of Athens and Sparta affected their development.         (Seal of Civic Readiness Pillar: Civic Knowledge)</li> <li>Write a letter from the perspective of a Roman citizen convincing a friend not to come back to Rome because</li> </ul>

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and cultural	
achievements may	7
be indicative of a	
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Sparta, Roman Republic, Roman Empire) classical civilizations (6.5b)

- Students will examine evidence related to the Qin, Han, and Greco-Roman (Athens and Roman Empire) civilizations and determine if these civilizations have experienced a golden age (6.5c)
- ➤ Students will examine how cultural achievements of these civilizations have influenced contemporary societies (6.5c)

the empire is declining. (Seal of Civic Readiness Pillar: Civic Mindset)

Qin and Han Reflection – In a well-developed essay, explain how the Qin and Han empires were similar and how they were different? (Seal of Civic Readiness Pillar: Civic Knowledge)

#### **Resources:**

#### **FOCUS LESSONS - Topic 5 Ancient Greece**

Lesson 1: Greece: The Birthplace for Democracy Lesson 2: 1Greek Geography and Greek Civilization

Lesson 6: Alexander's Empire Lesson 8: Greek Achievements

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES - Topic 5 Ancient Greece**

Lesson 3: Understanding Multiple Perspectives: Sparta and Athens

Lesson 4: Analyzing Sources: Greek Mythology and Belief System

Lesson 7: Understanding Multiple Perspectives: Greek Philosophy

Lesson 9: Reviewing Ancient Greece

#### FOCUS LESSONS Topic 7: Early China, Korea, and Japan

Lesson 6: Qin and Han Empires

#### **FOCUS LESSONS - Topic 8 Ancient Rome**

Lesson 1: Introducing Ancient Rome

Lesson 2: The Founding of Rome

Lesson 3: The Roman Republic

Lesson 4: The Roman Empire

Lesson 7: The Decline of Rome

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES - Topic 8 Ancient Rome**

Lesson 5: Analyzing Sources: Roman Culture

Lesson 6: Analyzing Sources: Roman Science and Technology

Lesson 8: Turning Points: The Fall of Rome

Lesson 9: Reviewing Ancient Rome