

● **ORIGIN OF RELIGIONS**

1. Complete the table below describing the origins and branches of the major universalizing religions.

	Christianity	Islam	Buddhism
Year of Origin			
Founder			
Major branches and main belief of each branch			

2. Regarding **Hinduism**:

- a. How was its origin different than universalizing religions?
- b. When did it originate?
- c. Where did it originate?
- d. What two ancient peoples beliefs blended to form Hinduism?

● **DIFFUSION OF RELIGIONS**

3. Give 4 explanations for the diffusion of Christianity.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

4. Give 3 ways in which Islam spread.

- a.
- b.
- c.

5. Give 2 reasons for the expansion of Buddhism.

a.

b.

6. Provide 4 examples of cases in which religions, or religious practices, have blended.

Religions which have blended	Location and description
A	
B	
C	
D	

7. Regarding **Judaism**:

a. How is its distribution very different from other ethnic religions?

b. What was the *diaspora*?

c. How were most Jews treated as they lived among other nationalities?

d. What is the origin of the term *ghetto*?

● **HOLY PLACES**

8. What is a *pilgrimage*?

9. Read the section (pp. 201-204) and make notes on three case studies; Buddhism, Islam, and Hinduism. Then read the section titled Places of Worship (pp. 195-97) and complete the right hand side of the table. Naturally, drawing a little sketch map of locations would be helpful .

BUDDHIST HOLY SITES
ISLAMIC HOLY SITES
HINDU HOLY SITES

● **THE CALENDAR**

12. What is the most prominent feature of the calendar in ETHNIC religions?	13. What is the principle purpose of the calendar in UNIVERSALIZING religions?
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14. How does the **Jewish calendar** typical of ethnic use of the calendar?

15. What is the *solstice*?

16. Both the Jewish and the Muslims use a **lunar calendar**, yet in a different way and with very different results. Explain.

17. How is the date of **Easter** related to physical geography (the natural world) through the calendar?

18. Why do different Christian branches celebrate Easter on different days?

19. How is this similar to Buddhism's major holidays?