**Bridging World History. Unit 5. Early Belief Systems**

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Shinto

Animism

Supernatural

Shamans

Greece

Homer

Philosophia (wisdom)

Socrates

Human Reason

Just society

Zeus

Confucius

Warring States

Zhou

Divine sanction for political order

Analects

Social harmony

Social order

Hinduism

Vedas

Upanishad

Brahman

Buddhism

Dharma

Karma

Struggle between good and evil

Zoroastrianism

Judaism

Christianity

Israelites

Central idea of God

Muslims

Trinity

Monotheistic

**Unit 7. The Spread of Religions**

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Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam

1. When and where did these three religions begin?
2. Name the main elements that contributed to the spread of these religions.



1. What is Buddhism about?
2. What was the original language Buddhist teachings were recorded in?
3. What was needed to spread the word of Buddhism?
4. What is the significance of *The Journey to the West*?



1. What did the Greek Orthodox believe about other religions?
2. Why did Christianity experience resistance in its early stages?
3. Which Roman emperor converted to Christianity and why?
4. Who was Helena?
5. Describe Charlemagne’s importance in helping spread Christianity.
6. How was Charlemagne rewarded for his efforts?
7. Where is Mecca?
8. What is a pilgrimage?
9. Who was Muhammad and what happened to him?
10. What does “Islam” mean?
11. Why was Islam appealing to many people?
12. How did merchants spread Islam?
13. What are the Five Pillars of Islam?
14. Explain Sufism.
15. What are other ways of spreading religions besides through trade?
16. What is diaspora?