

Guided Lesson Notes

Name: _____ Date: _____

Religion in the Classical World

Directions: Complete this study guide as you move through the lesson. By taking notes, you are more likely to remember what you are learning. The completed study guide can be used for practice activities and to prepare for quizzes and exams. Be sure to save each study guide so you can access it when you need it.

Essential Vocabulary

As you encounter these World History terms in the lesson, enter the meaning and an example (or two) for each. You can even draw a picture. If there are other unfamiliar words you find, enter them in the blank spaces provided.

<i>deity</i>	<i>sacred</i>
<i>polytheism</i>	<i>pantheon</i>
<i>monotheism</i>	<i>monotheistic</i>

<i>cultural diffusion</i>	<i>pagan</i>

The Nature of God

1. What is a deity, and how do different cultures define it?

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2. How do monotheistic and polytheistic religions differ in their beliefs?

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3. What role do deities play in the lives of people according to historical beliefs?

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4. What elements combine to form a group's religion?

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5. How might the human search for absolute truth and order have influenced the rise of religion?

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God of Rain, Sun, and Food

Farming and Development		
<i>K – What you Know</i>	<i>W – Want to Know</i>	<i>L – What you Learn</i>

A God for Every Purpose

1. Match each term with its correct meaning.

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Letter Match : Term	
	Polytheism
	Mount Olympus
	Zeus
	Athena
	Apollo

Meaning
a. The Greek god of medicine and prophecy
b. Worship of many gods
c. Home of the main Greek gods and goddesses
d. King of the Greek gods
e. Goddess of war and wisdom; patron of Athens

2. Answer the following questions in 1–2 sentences.

a. Why did Greeks believe events on Earth happened?

b. How did Greek households show worship to the gods?

c. What role did Athena and Poseidon play in the story of Odysseus?

- d. Why do you think the Greeks gave their gods human traits like jealousy, love, or anger?

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A Practical Approach to God

3 Facts
2 Questions
1 Comment

One God, One Battle

<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	1. Zoroastrianism teaches belief in many gods.
<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	2. Followers of Zoroastrianism are expected to actively choose good through thoughts, words, and actions.

<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	3. Zoroastrianism allows people to choose between good and evil.
<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	4. Angra Mainyu is an evil spirit, not an equal god to Ahura Mazda.
<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	5. Zoroastrian ideas influenced Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

A World of Religions

1. What early monotheistic religion traces its roots to Abraham and is still practiced today?

2. What are the sacred texts that guide Jewish law and beliefs?

3. Which Indian religion teaches the Eightfold Path to end suffering?

4. What Chinese philosophy focuses on respect in relationships and family order?

5. Which belief system teaches harmony with nature and simplicity through “The Way”?

Confucius

Main Idea/ Big Concept Summarize the central idea in 1–2 sentences.	
Key Facts/ Supporting Details Use bullet points to list important facts, dates, terms, or examples.	
Vocabulary/ Terms to Know Define important terms or concepts mentioned.	

Mapping Religion

Use the pictures from the lessons to describe where the great religions began.

Zoroastrianism	Christianity	Judaism	Buddhism



Confucianism	Taoism	Hinduism

The Travels of the Buddha

Influence of Buddha	
Factors	Notes
Buddhism in India	
Shinto in Japan	
Two Religions in One	

The First Christian Emperor



5 Facts
2 Questions
1 Comment