

# AP World History Summer Project

Please follow the directions exactly as written!

- I. Major religious and philosophical beliefs: What are the basic features of major beliefs and what is their geographic dispersion by 600CE?
  1. Fill in the religion/ philosophy chart on the next page completely.
  2. Free-Hand a map of the Eastern Hemisphere (Europe, Asia, and Africa) on a standard sheet of blank printer paper. Do not trace if you want to receive credit.
    - i. Locate the origin of the religion/ philosophy on your map.
    - ii. Using arrows trace the spread of these religions/ philosophies by the year 600CE.  
*\*Use a different color for each belief system and include a legend.*  
*\*\*Islam should not be on your map, as it was founded in 622CE.*
  3. Write a comparative essay in which you compare Judaism, or Christianity TO Buddhism, Hinduism, or Confucianism. Use your chart and map for details (they should tie in together). This essay should have at least three direct comparisons in your three body paragraphs. Refer to the “How to Write a Comparative Essay” page below for formatting instructions. Please remember that a comparative essay details both similarities and differences.  
**Highlight your comparative words!**
  4. Find an article in a current (2000 – present) news magazine or online periodical which details a religious topic. Try these topics: Kashmir, Southern Sudan, Bosnia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, or Northern Ireland. No not pick an article about Islam! You will need to provide a copy of the article and answer the following questions in complete sentences.
    - i. What is the major position of this article?
    - ii. Who is the intended audience of this article and how have you reached this conclusion?
- II. Early complex Societies – River Valleys, Mesoamerica and Andean South America.
  1. Fill in the early civilizations chart provided.
  2. Write a comparative essay in which you compare and contrast the American complex societies to one of the other societies. Use your chart for details (they should tie in together). This essay should have at least three direct comparisons in your three body paragraphs. Refer to the “How to Write a Comparative Essay” page below for formatting instructions. Please remember that a comparative essay details both similarities and differences.  
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- III. Complete Review I, Foundations
  1. You can purchase AP World History review guidebooks at any local bookstore or Amazon to help with this, or you can find the information for free on [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com) .



Religion/ Philosophy Chart (Continued)

Religion/ Philosophy	Historical Context of Founding	Founder, Date, Place	Clergy/ Role of Men/ Women	Social Hierarchy (not social classes)	Describe Missionaries	Main Teachings of Beliefs	How Did it Spread?	Geographic Distribution in 600CE	Examples of Art/ Architecture
Judaism									
Christianity									

## Early Civilizations Chart

Early Civilizations	Main Social Classes	Government and Religion	Impact of Environment	Culture, Art and Architecture	Roles of men and women – gender structure	Major achievements in science, technology and inventions
Fertile Crescent (Mesopotamia) 3500-3000BC						
Egypt 3000-2000BC						
Indus 2500-1750BC						
China (Shang) 1600-1100BC						
Mesoamerica 1200-400BC						

# How to Write a Comparative Essay

1. **Analyze the question**
  - a. Task words? Compare and Contrast means both similarities and differences.
  - b. What are the subjects being compared?
  - c. What is the scope of the essay? What should be included for it to answer the question?
2. **Pre-Write**
  - a. If the question gives you the categories, then brainstorm a list of similarities and differences in those categories.
  - b. If the question does not give the categories and you have to come up with them:
    - i. Brainstorm a list of similarities and differences between the subjects.
    - ii. Decide what your categories will be based on your list.
  - c. Practice writing your thesis at least one time.
3. **Write**
  - a. Write a thesis in your introductory paragraph that includes a similarity in one or two categories and a difference in one or two categories.  
*\*Do not say, "There were both similarities and differences in..." IT WILL BE WRONG!*
  - b. Make sure each body paragraph explains a different similarity and difference. Do not put all similarities in one paragraph and all differences in another.
  - c. Use two to three facts in each paragraph.
  - d. Make sure you make a direct comparison in each paragraph.
  - e. Explain the reason or cause for a similarity of difference in each body paragraph.  
*"The reason for this difference was..."*

**Sample Comparative Thesis:** "In China and Mexico, the goals of their revolutions were similar, with strong feelings of nationalism. However, they differed in the outcomes because China became a communist country and Mexico did not."

## Terms for Making Comparisons

Both...	As well as...
Each...	Not only, but also...
Is similar...	In contrast to...
Is different...	Yet...
Is comparable...	While...
Analogous to...	Still...
Likewise...	However...
On the other hand...	Despite...
Corresponds to...	At the same time...
Are related to...	

# Review I – Foundations

- Identify:
  - Siddhartha Gautama
  - Draco
  - Homer
  - Dravidians
  - Chandragupta Maurya
  - Alexander the Great
  - Pericles
  - Darius
  - Augustus
  - Constantine
  - Julius Caesar
  - Sargon I
  - Asoka
  - Socrates
  - Herodotus
- Identify the following terms or concepts:
  - Twelve Tables
  - Code of Hammurabi
  - Caste System
  - Reincarnation
  - Cuneiform
  - Hieroglyphics
  - Fertile Crescent
  - Silk Road
  - Mummification

- Socratic Method
- Struggle of the Orders
- Fall of Rome
- Aryans
- The Epic of Gilgamesh
- The Middle Path
- Mandate of Heaven
- Troy
- Rig Veda
- Olympic Games (foundation)
- Identify the characteristics of the following dynasties:
  - Achaemenid
  - Mauryan
  - Shang
  - Zhou
  - Qin
  - Han
- Chronology: Put the following events in the correct chronological order with the correct date:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Assassination of Julius Caesar
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Peloponnesian War
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Construction of the great pyramid at Giza
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Vandals sack Rome
  - \_\_\_\_\_ End of the third Punic War
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Xerxes invades Greece
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Life of Confucius
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation of the Mauryan Dynasty