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## World Religions Discussion Questions

Watch the animated map at <http://www.mapsofwar.com/ind/history-of-religion.html> then answer these questions:

1. When and where do you see the biggest changes in the map? What events do you think may have caused those changes?

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2. What religious groups do you think have been left off this map? Why do you think they were not included?

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3. What misconceptions do you think people might have about any of the religions shown in the map?

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4. In what ways do you think geography influenced the spread of the religions?

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## Five Major World Religions

Religion	Number of Followers	Important Events & Dates	Where in the World the Religion is Practiced
Hinduism	781 million	Birth of Krishna – 3,000 B.C.E. <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Judaism	14 million	Birth of Abraham – 2,000 B.C.E. Conquest of Canaan - ca. 1000 B.C.E. Jerusalem Sacked - 539 B.C.E. Israel Founded - May 14, 1948 C.E.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Buddhism	324 million	Birth of Buddha – 480 B.C.E. <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Christianity	2.1 Billion	Death of Jesus – 32 C.E. The Crusades - ca. 11 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> Centuries Missions Abroad - 15 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Centuries <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Islam	1.1 Billion	Birth of Muhammad – 570 C.E. Muslim Conquest - ca. 750 C.E. <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

\*Remember that “B.C.E” means “before the common era”. “C.E” means “common era” (like 2009 C.E.)