AP World History Summer Assignment
Early Major Religions / Belief Systems Graphic Organizer

	Zoroastrianism	Legalism
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		N/A
Founder/Leaders *(if known)*		
Key Texts		
Basic Beliefs & Practices		
Expansion/Influence *(Where did it spread geographically by the end of 600 C.E.?)*		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?		

Question:

What aspects of Zoroastrianism would later influence Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

	Confucianism	Daoism
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		
Founder/Leaders *(if known)*		
Key Texts		
Basic Beliefs & Practices		
Expansion/Influence *(Where did it spread by the end of 1200 C.E.?)*		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?	What is **Neoconfucianism**? Role of the **Civil Service Exam**:	

Answer these questions:

- How did Confucianism create and support a rigid social hierarchy? Who had power? Who didn't?
- How did Confucianism provide legitimacy for the government?
- How did Confucianism reinforce the patriarchy in Chinese society?

	Hinduism	Buddhism
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		
Founder/Leaders *(if known)*	N/A	
Key Texts		
Basic Beliefs & Practices		
Expansion/Influence *(Where did it spread by the end of 1200 C.E.?)*		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?	Role of the **caste system** in South Asian society:	Role of Buddhist **monastic communities/monks**: **Mahayana** vs. **Theravada** Buddhism:

Answer these questions:
How was Buddhism similar to Christianity?

	Judaism	Christianity
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		
Founder/Leaders *(if known)*		
Key Texts		
Beliefs/ Practices/ Rituals		
Expansion/Influence *(Where did it spread by the end of 1200 C.E.?)*		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?		Christianity in the Roman Empire: Role of the Catholic Church in medieval Europe:

List three similarities between Judaism and Christianity:

1.

2.

3.

	Islam	
Time/Place of Founding		
Deity(s)		
Founder/Leaders *(if known)*		
Key Texts		
Basic Beliefs & Practices		
Expansion/Influence *Where did it spread by the end of 1200 C.E.?*		
Political & Social Role How was this religion/belief system utilized to assert political authority and/or reinforce social hierarchies?		