

Key Question #2: Why do religions have different distributions? (Pages 190-203)

Name:

1. Briefly describe the origins of the three main branches of Christianity.

2. Briefly describe the origin of Islam and its two branches. 2.

3. Briefly describe the origins of Buddhism. 3.

4. Briefly describe the origins of Hinduism. 4.

5. Explain how each of the following universalizing religions diffused:
a. Christianity 5a.

b. Islam 5b.

c. Buddhism 5c.

6. Why haven't ethnic religions diffused very widely? 6.

7. Give an example of how an ethnic religion has interacted with a universalizing religion. 7.
8. Why is Judaism an exception to most ethnic religions? 8.
9. Contrast the significance of holy places in universalizing and ethnic religions (i.e. explain how the holy places are different?). 9.
10. List two places holy to Buddhists and explain why each is considered holy? 10a.
10b.
11. List two places holy to Muslims and explain why each is considered holy? 11a.
11b.
12. List two places holy to Hindus and explain why each is considered holy? 12a.
12b.
13. Contrast the cosmogony of a universalizing religion with that of an ethnic religion. 13.
14. Contrast the role of the calendar in universalizing and ethnic religions. 14.