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**Religion Introduction Worksheet**

Part 1: Carefully read map on p. 80 to answer questions 1-6. You will have to use the RA section in the front of the textbook for some of these questions. Questions marked with (\*\*\*) are opinion questions and as such there are no right or wrong answers; however, I expect you to answer them seriously.

1. What are the 4 varieties of Christianity represented on the map?
2. What religions are shown as being present in South America? (Hint: There are 5)
3. Several large North American cities have a high concentration of people who practice Judaism. Name two of the cities with high Jewish populations.
4. Islam is broken into two sects, Sunni and Shia. Most Muslim countries (Middle East and Northern Africa) have a majority of Sunni Muslim, name the country that is predominately Shia?
5. What are the three main religions of Africa?
6. South Sudan is one of the world’s newest countries (2011 separated from Sudan). Using the map what may have been a potential reason for the country dividing?
7. What makes India and Japan unique when it comes to religion based on the information shown on the map?

Part II. Read pages 81-98 of the textbook and match each statement to the correct religion.

1. Buddhism B. Christianity C. Confucianism D. Hinduism

E. Islam F. Judaism G. Sikhism H. Indigenous Religions

1. \_\_\_\_ The *Analects* is a collection of famous sayings and proverbs from the Founder.
2. \_\_\_\_ Young girls in this group often paint their faces with symbols of their clan or family.
3. \_\_\_\_ The central belief system for this religion are the Five Pillars.
4. \_\_\_\_ It has separate branches; Orthodox, Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist.
5. \_\_\_\_ In Rio de Janeiro is a statue that symbolizes the fundamental beliefs of this faith.
6. \_\_\_\_ This religions founder found truth while meditating under a Bodhi Tree.
7. \_\_\_\_ The Golden Temple in Amritsar is the most sacred shrine in this faith.
8. \_\_\_\_ This group bathes in the Ganges to purify their soul and be released from rebirth.
9. \_\_\_\_ The dharmachakra is the major symbol which represents overcoming obstacles.
10. \_\_\_\_ Followers are required to pray 5 times a day facing Makkah (Mecca).
11. \_\_\_\_ Gods known as kami and followers also worship their ancestors.
12. \_\_\_\_ Every year followers gather at Qufu the celebrate the birthday of their founder.
13. \_\_\_\_ This groups sacred symbol the khanda, is composed of four traditional weapons.

Part III. Opinion questions to consider.

1. \*\*\*Why do people have religions or religious beliefs?
2. \*\*\* What needs does religion fill for people? In other words, what are some good things that come from religion? *Name at least two.*
3. \*\*\*What problems does religion cause? In other words, what are some bad things that come from religion? *Name at least two.*
4. \*\*\*Why are there so many different religious beliefs?