



SOUTHERN & EASTERN ASIA'S DIVERSE CULTURES



ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

**HOW ARE SOUTHERN AND
EASTERN ASIA'S DIVERSE
CULTURES SIMILAR AND
DIFFERENT?**

SS7G12 The student will analyze the diverse cultures of the people who live in Southern and Eastern Asia

- a. Explain the differences between an ethnic group and a religious group.**
- b. Compare and contrast the prominent religions in Southern and Eastern Asia: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Shintoism and the philosophy of Confucianism.**




WHAT IS CULTURE?

Placemat Brainstorm Activity

[See Curriculum Map]

Culture

- **Beliefs**
- **Laws**
- **Ways of living**
- **Language**
- **Social habits**
- **Food**
- **Inventions**
- **Customs**
- **Art**
- **Religion**
- **Traditions**
- **Music**
- **Artifacts**
- **Technology**



Today we will begin the study of culture in Southern & Eastern Asia, more specifically, the religions of Southern & Eastern Asia.

**HOWEVER, WE MUST FIRST REVIEW AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION OF CULTURE:
RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC GROUPS**



RELIGIOUS & ETHNIC GROUPS SORTING ACTIVITY

[See Curriculum Map]

Culture: Religious & Ethnic Groups






Religious Groups

- Buddhists
- Hindus
- Muslims
- Most likely to have different cultures
- Share a common belief system
- Muslim Man
- Jewish Boy
- Christian Woman

Ethnic Groups

- Tagalog (Philippines)
- Javanese (Indonesia)
- Chams (Vietnam)
- Most likely to share common ancestors
- Cham boy from Vietnam
- Hispanic Woman
- Han girl from China

Use your Religions of Southern & Eastern Asia Graphic Organizer to summarize information

<p><u>Buddhism</u> </p>	<p><u>Islam</u> </p>	<p><u>Shintoism</u> </p>
<p><u>Hinduism</u> </p>	<p><u>Confucianism</u> </p>	

Buddhism

- **A religious belief system based on the spiritual teachings of Buddha.**
- **Centering on the idea of reincarnation (rebirth), it teaches that people can find true enlightenment (clarification) by ending desire, which is the cause of suffering.**
- **It originated in India and spread throughout Southern & Eastern Asia.**

[Eastern Philosophy: The Buddha](#) [5:43]


[The Fourteen Teachings of Buddha](#) [3:59]

[Buddha's Thoughts](#) [2:45]

Confucianism

- **The philosophical teachings of Confucius centered on ethical living.**
- **It is a philosophy of behavior**
- **People who practice Confucianism are unlikely to engage in acts of worship (e.g., pray, visit a holy place). Instead, they will use the teachings of Confucius to guide their conduct.**

Confucius Quotes [see curriculum map]



THINK, PAIR, SHARE

**Identify one similarity and one
difference between Buddhism
and Confucianism.**


Hinduism

- **The primary religion of India**
- **Based on the idea of reincarnation (rebirth)**
- **It teaches that people can dictate how they are reborn by how they live at present**
- **There is a belief in more than one god**

[A Short Introduction to Hinduism](#) [stop after 5:43]

Islam

- **A collection of religious beliefs based on the teachings of Muhammad**
- **It is monotheistic and recognizes various biblical figures, Moses and Jesus, as prophets (Messenger of God)**
- **It is considered an Abrahamic religion, which means it can trace its roots back to Abraham in the Bible**



THINK, PAIR, SHARE

**Identify one similarity and one
difference between Hinduism
and Islam.**

Shintoism

- **The largest religion in Japan**
- **Believers worship gods in the form of Earth's natural resources (animistic religion where followers worship spirits in nature)**
- **Believe that the emperor is a human descendant of the sun goddess**
- **Believers in Shinto might visit a shrine to pray or worship the spirits who reside there**

Shintoism

- **Shintoism is almost exclusively associated with Japan. Most Japanese people practice Shinto rituals, and most people who practice Shinto rituals are Japanese.**
- **Observing Shintoism is part of nationalism in Japan.**
- **In addition to honoring Shinto obligations, many Japanese also follow other teachings, such as those of Buddhism or Confucianism.**

[The Gods of Shinto](#) [2:00]