World Religions STUDY GUIDE Answer Key

- Know what monotheism, polytheism, and reincarnation mean
  - Monotheism is the belief in one god
  - Polytheism is the belief in many gods
  - Reincarnation is the belief that after a person dies his or her soul is reborn into another body

- Know the important person who founded each religion
  - Judaism- Moses  Christianity-Jesus  Islam-Muhammad
  - Buddhism-Siddhartha Gautama  Hinduism-no one specific person

- Know the term for each religion's holy book
  - Judaism-Tenakh or Torah  Christianity- Holy Bible  Islam-Quran or Koran
  - Buddhism-Tripitaka  Hinduism-Vedas

- Know the term for each religion's place of worship
  - Judaism-synagogue  Christianity-church  Islam-mosque
  - Buddhism-stupa (pagoda)  Hinduism-mandir

- Know which religions are monotheistic and which ones are polytheistic
  - Monotheistic-Judaism, Christianity, and Islam  Polytheistic-Hinduism

- Know which religions believe in reincarnation
  - Buddhism and Hinduism

- Know which religions have holy sites in Jerusalem
  - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

- Know which religions trace their family line back to Abraham
  - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

- Know which religions began in India and which ones began in the Middle East
  - India-Hinduism and Buddhism  Middle East- Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

- Know the term for followers of Islam
  - Muslims

- Know which religion is the oldest
  - Hinduism

- Know which religion has the most followers
  - Christianity

- Know which religion is mostly practiced in India
  - Hinduism

- Know which religion is practiced by the majority of people in the Middle East (Southwest Asia)
  - Islam

- Know which religion has religious text written in the Bible
  - Judaism and Christianity

- Be able to give similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity
  - Similarities: monotheistic, trace family back to Abraham, began in Middle East, have a code of behavior, have holy books, believe Jesus was a prophet, believe Moses was a prophet, both believe in a final judgment day, both believe in angels
  - Differences: Christians think Jesus was the son of God, Muslims do not, Christians code of behavior is the 10 commandments and for Muslims it's the 5 pillars, Islam’s most holy site is in Mecca, Christians is in Jerusalem, Muslims must pray five times a day and Christians do not, Christians worship in a church, Muslims worship in a mosque