

## Map Study – Theme 2.1 The Spread of Religion

Look at the three maps below. Write a title for each of the maps.

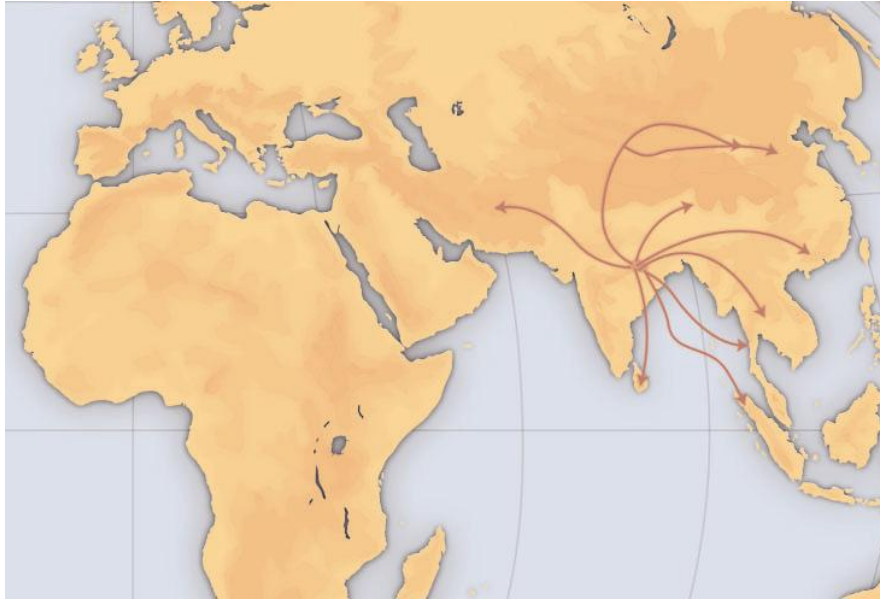
**Titles:**

Map A: \_\_\_\_\_

Map B: \_\_\_\_\_

Map C: \_\_\_\_\_

Map A



Map B



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Map C



What time periods do you think the maps span? What kinds of background knowledge did you use to guess or know about the time periods? Check your answers using Wikipedia.

Time Periods:

Map A: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Map B: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Map C: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Look at the three maps showing the spread of Christianity, Buddhism, and Islam.

- Where did the religions originate?
- Where did they spread?
  
- Where did the spread of the three religions overlap? Why do some areas of the world have more than one world religion? What kinds of factors might cause only one religion to dominate?
  
- What kind of evidence do you think historians used to create these maps?
  
- What kind of new evidence might change the ways the arrows are drawn?
  
- Do the maps demonstrate why the religions spread? What other kinds of evidence do you need about the spread of Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam?

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