

Big Idea	Standard	Essential Question
Religion influences societies and governments.	7.1	How does religion affect the development of a society's art, architecture, engineering, and philosophy? How does geography influence religious and political differences? How do religious beliefs affect social and political structures?
	7.2	How does religion shape the creation of laws? How are religions similar yet different? How can religion shape society? How does religion influence people's way of life?
	7.3	How does a belief system unite a people? How can the spread of new beliefs reunite a society? How can religion influence the technological developments and discoveries of a society? How do religious beliefs affect social and political structures? How can religion shape society?
	7.4	How does religion affect commerce? How are language and religion related?
	7.5	How does religion influence society's traditions? How does religion help shape social structure? How does isolation influence religious practice?
	7.6	How can religion unite people? How does religion influence government? What influence does religion have on order? How do heads of church and heads of state interact? How do religion and government conflict? What does religion provide (give to) man? In what ways are religion and government the same? How can religion influence government? Is religion needed to rule?
	7.7	What role does religion play in class structure? How do religious beliefs affect social and political structures? How are the roles people play in society reflect their values? What happens when cultures collide?
	7.8	How does religion affect education? How do new ideas change the way we see the world? How does technology influence religious? How does technology challenge religion? How can philosophy progress? How does religion influence art and innovation? How does art reflect philosophy?
	7.9	How does religion affect progress? How can internal turmoil within a religion affect a larger society or government? How can point of view create conflict and change? How can philosophy progress? How does philosophy challenge the status quo?
	7.10	How can philosophy progress? How does religion influence art and innovation?
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Commerce influences relationships.	7.1	How can growth be positive and negative? What leads society to collapse?
	7.2	How does the exchange of ideas and goods improve lives? How is trade responsible for cultural exchange?
	7.3	How is trade responsible for cultural exchange? How does commerce influence innovation and technology?
	7.4	How does trade influence growth? How is trade responsible for cultural exchange? How does a society determine what is valuable?
	7.5	How does trade influence countries? How can commerce determine/influence growth?
	7.6	What are unintended consequences of commerce? How is trade responsible for cultural exchange? How can commerce lead to expansion? How can commerce lead to conflict?
	7.7	How does commerce affect relationships between the conquered and the conquerors? What is the impact of trade?
	7.8	What is the relationship between education and wealth? How does trade spread ideas? What causes change in behavior? How can religion influence commerce?
	7.9	Do limits on religion affect the creation of wealth? How can commerce corrupt religion? How can religion influence commerce?
	7.10	How does science conflict with religion?
	7.11	How do changing ideas affect commerce? How does learning new information change things? How does exploration expand commerce? How much influence should government have over trade and commerce?

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Scholarship and conflict are pathways to change.	7.1	How do internal and external conflict create change?
	7.2	What can the study of religious text reveal about a society? What happens when cultures collide?
	7.3	How does valuing education affect a society? How might innovation lead to societal change? In what ways does new technology influence power?
	7.4	How might economic advances hurt some people? How does belief influence action?
	7.5	How might a country's economic success encourage conflict? How does art and scholarship influence man?
	7.6	How do colliding ideas create change? How does art and scholarship influence man? How does learning and innovation conflict with religion? How much influence should religion have over scholarship?
	7.7	How does technology affect the growth of a civilization? Do the arts and sciences shape or reflect culture?
	7.8	How do increased educational opportunities affect society? How do new ideas change the way we see the world? How do individuals make a difference? How does learning and innovation conflict with religion? When is knowledge a dangerous thing? How much influence should religion have over scholarship?
	7.9	When should society control individuals? How does learning and innovation conflict with religion? When is knowledge a dangerous thing? How much influence should religion have over scholarship?
	7.10	How are education and science connected? When does scientific study encourage conflict? How do new ideas lead to change? How can we preserve our beliefs and values during times of rapid change in science and technology? How can expansion weaken power? How does learning and innovation conflict with religion? When is knowledge a dangerous thing? How much influence should religion have over scholarship?
	7.11	How do economic incentives encourage innovation? How does the legacy of earlier groups and individuals influence subsequent generations? How does learning and innovation conflict with religion? When is knowledge a dangerous thing? How much influence should religion have over scholarship? Who should control access to knowledge?