

Key Concept 3.1 —

A deepening and widening of networks of human interaction within and across regions contributed to cultural, technological, and biological diffusion within and between various societies.

- **Increased cross-cultural interactions resulted in the diffusion of literary, artistic, and cultural traditions, as well as scientific and technological innovation.**
 - **Chinese cultural traditions continued, and they influenced neighboring regions.**
 - **Buddhism and its core beliefs continued to shape societies in Asia and included a variety of branches, schools, and practices.**
 - **Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and the core beliefs and practices of these religions continued to shape societies in Africa and Asia.**
 - **Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism, and their core beliefs and practices, continued to shape societies in South and Southeast Asia.**
 - **Christianity, Judaism, Islam and the core beliefs and practices of these religions continued to shape societies in Europe.**

Mini-Research Project:

- 1. What are the major beliefs of the wisdom tradition/religion you were assigned?**
- 2. Describe at least one way the wisdom tradition/religion you studied helped create social cohesion between 1200-1450 C.E.**
- 3. Describe at least one way the wisdom tradition/religion you studied institutes a form or forms of social control between 1200-1450 C.E.**
- 4. Describe at least one way the wisdom tradition/religion you studied gave people a sense of purpose between 1200-1450 C.E.**

Products to be created:

- **A one page study guide for your peers on the wisdom tradition/religion you studied. Please make copies for all students in the class. Let your teacher know if you need help making copies.**
- **Knowledge to be shared in a group discussion around wisdom traditions/religions.**

List of Wisdom Traditions/Religions

- **Confucianism**
- **Daoism**
- **Neo-Confucianism**
- **Theravada Buddhism**
- **Mahayana Buddhism**
- **Tibetan Buddhism**
- **Ancient Athenian Humanism**
 - **You should look to medieval Europe to answer questions 2-4.**
- **Judaism**
- **Christianity**
- **Islam**