The Emergence and Spread of World Religions

Unit 4, Lesson 5
Maps of War – The History of Religion in 90 seconds

http://www.mapsofwar.com/ind/history-of-religion.html

- We will watch this clip two times. The first time we watch this clip, focus on the big picture of what you are seeing. Where and when did religions emerge?

Stop and Jot  AFTER watching the clip the first time – What did you notice? What are you thinking?

- Watch the clip again.

Turn and Talk:
- Did you notice anything different this time?
- Where and when did world religions develop?
- Write down one question you have about the video.
Think about what you saw in the video, then Turn and Talk about the questions below:

One of these maps is about the spread of Christianity, and one is about the spread of Buddhism.

- Which is which?
- How do you know?
- What do you think the arrows represent?
World Religions

- Appeal to and unite many different people
- Are portable, or not tied to any one place
- Keep developing and don’t fade away
- Spread across different geographic regions
Does this religion seem to fit the criteria for a world religion?

• Many people in Ancient Egypt worshipped Hapi (Hep, Hap, Hapy) as one of their gods. Hapi was a water and fertility god who was popular throughout the area and was connected to the Nile River. Some people considered him to be the god of the Nile.

• He was seen as a god that connected Upper and Lower Egypt because he represented the Nile River which flowed through both places.

• Hapi was also associated with the important floods that happened every year along the Nile. The floods made farming better in that area because they brought in new, fertile soil.

Turn and Talk... Does this religion seem to be a world religion? Why or why not?