**AP Review – LEQ Outline**

***Directions: With your group, create an in-depth essay outline following the template below for your assigned LEQ prompt.***

1. In the period 600 B.C.E. to 600 C.E., different factors led to the emergence and spread of new religions and belief systems such as Buddhism, Confucianism, and Christianity.

***Develop an argument that evaluates how such factors led to the emergence or spread of one or more religions in this time period.***

1. Introduction
	1. Three Solid Sentences to summarize the topic, time, and themes (“Previously on…”

Polytheistic regional religions such as Shinto and Hinduism dominated the religious realm of societies such as Japan and India. In the classical age, numerous new world religions, such as Christianity, as well as the world renowned philosophies of Buddhism and Confucianism took hold.

* 1. Claim

New issues in society led to attempts to resolve them through those new and different belief systems. The new interregional networks of interaction such as the silk, sea, and sand roads, along with the more powerful empires that these religions and philosophies began in, such as Rome, India, and China led to a greater ability to achieve converts. These networks, powerful empires, and missionaries drove greater facilitation and following for these new belief systems.

1. Body Paragraph #1
	1. Topic Sentence (What are your arguing in this paragraph)

The new interregional networks of exchange formed during the classical era facilitated the spread of new belief systems.

* 1. List specific historical evidence (What examples will you use to prove your argument)

Silk roads, Sand Roads, Indian ocean, travel from india to china

* 1. Summary Analysis Statement (1-2 sentences to explain how evidence you listed supports your argument)

These new networks of trade allowed for the spread of cultures, ideas, disease, and religions from place to place. This allows these new religions to be spread easier and farther than before as these trade routes expanded to become larger, more crowded, and faster facilitating the larger and faster growth of these belief systems.

1. Body Paragraph #2
	1. Topic Sentence (What are your arguing in this paragraph)

 Powerful empires emerged and acted as a foundation allowing greater facilitation for these universalizing religions due to the large influence that these empires held.

b. List specific historical evidence (What examples will you use to prove your argument)

 Rome, India, and China

c. Summary Analysis Statement (1-2 sentences to explain how evidence you listed supports your argument)

 The Roman Empire basically bore christianity (through the allowance of privallages given to the churches) which is a universalizing religion that spread throughout the world. Rome was developed and had a lot of power which allowed them to spread their religion through influence.

 Confucianism spread because of the Chinese empire's influence on political, social, and religious development in surrounding countries. With control and power over the silk roads and other trade routes, they were able to universalize cultural and religous ideas through trade (confucianism).

 Buddhism was founded in India. It was internationally spread through missionaries.

1. Body Paragraph #3
	1. Topic Sentence (What are your arguing in this paragraph)
		1. The classical era emerged with a new phenomena labeled universalizing religions, where religious cultures had incentive and drive to spread the teachings to as many people as possible across the globe.
	2. List specific historical evidence (What examples will you use to prove your argument)
		1. Christianity, Buddhism and Confucianism were all universalizing religions
			1. Christianity spread the fastest due to the moral incentive in the religion. Although beliefs in the religion were based on not reaching heaven by works, followers of Jesus felt compelled to spread his teachings across the globe.
			2. Buddhists looked to connect humans of all races they could. The universal truths included being accepting of all races and people. This is shown through the truth of everything is impermanent and changing which can be interpreted as outside things can change and the superiority of races can change do to wealth or materialistic value, but people are people and standing unified will help achieve standing by the “Eightfold Path” with people standing with one another to keep each other accountable. Buddhists are very accepting of other scriptures accounting them as authentic, this characteristic made it very easy for followers of local ethnic religions to convert to Buddhism because their beliefs would never be discounted
	3. Summary Analysis Statement (1-2 sentences to explain how evidence you listed supports your argument)
		1. Once the religions emerged, the spread of said religions spread to people at rates like never seen before because of this universalizing factor. Since these examples of religions were all driven to spread their word to as many people possible, the effect of this was that these religions were dispersed globally.
2. Conclusion
	1. Three Solid Sentences to restate and recap your claim and then relate your argument to the time period immediately after (“On the next episode…)

In Islam, facilitated trade and diffusion allowed Christianity to bombard Muslims with it’s new monotheistic aspects, and challenged Islam’s old ways. In China, Buddhism and Confucianism rulings fluctuated throughout time. It further allowed religions to achieve converts and further their reach of domination.