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## Thematic Essay

Directions: Write a well organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

### Theme: Belief Systems

The world has many different belief systems. Each is distinctive, but all greatly influenced the lives of their followers and the society in which the belief system was practiced.

### Task:

Choose **two** major belief systems and for **each**

- \* Explain key beliefs **and/or** practices
- \* Discuss an influence the belief system had on the lives of its followers or the society in which it was practiced

You may use any example from your study of global history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

**Do *not* use the United States as a focus of your answer.**

### Guidelines:

**In your essay, be sure to**

- \* Develop all aspects of the task
- \* Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- \* Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that

are

beyond a restatement of the theme

## **Block Outline**

### **Introduction**

Background/Summary of theme:

Essay Example Topics (2):

Followers/societies influenced (2):

### **Body Paragraphs (See additional sheet)**

### **Conclusion**

General summary of essay theme”

Summary of body paragraph #1:

Summary of body paragraph #2:

**Body Paragraphs**

Belief System		
Beliefs/Practices		
Influence on followers/society practiced		

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