

COMMUNITIES AND RELIGION IN AFRO-EURASIA

Purpose

Synthesize what you read in the articles “[State and Religions in Afro-Eurasia](#)” and “[Communities in Afro-Eurasia](#)” to better understand how religion and community shaped life in Afro-Eurasia while also practicing using the authority claim tester. This helps you think more critically about the past—and how we know what we know.

Process

1. Complete the chart by summarizing the main points of each article.

	"State and Religion in Afro-Eurasia"	"Communities in Afro-Eurasia"
Main idea		
Key details		
Example of state and religious influence		
Example of community interaction and exchange		

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2. According to the articles, how did religion influence the way Afro-Eurasian states governed their people?

3. How did different communities in Afro-Eurasia interact with one another, and what factors contributed to these interactions?

4. Who are the authors or sources of these articles, and what makes them credible or authoritative on this topic?

5. How could you test the reliability of the claims made in these articles?