**1.3 An Introduction to World Religions**

Review pages 5 – 22 and answer the following questions \_\_\_\_/20

1. Why do you think that Canada has become a good country in which to experience many of the world’s religions?
2. What are the common features of most religions? (list and describe them)
3. Would you now consider all of the ‘religions’ you identified on our last worksheet to be proper religions according to the common features and definition of a religion? Give an example of a recognized world religion that you identified, and one that you read about that would not fit the definition.
4. Why do you think that people throughout history have turned to religion?
5. Is there a difference between religion and ethics? If so, then describe the difference. Should ethnicity be used as an indicator of a person’s religion?
6. Do you think that science and religion can co-exist?
7. Does ethnicity decide your religious viewpoint? How are these different?
8. The book describes Christmas as being an important religious celebration. However, there are many secular elements that have been introduced that have changed the way we experience Christmas. Make a T chart to list the different sacred and secular parts of the Christmas season.