Chapter 10—The Worlds of Christendom: Contraction, Expansion, and Division, 500–1300

Seeking the Main Point

In what different ways did the history of Christianity unfold in various parts of the Afro-Eurasian world during the Third Wave era?

Download and save this document so you can return to it as you take notes and for studying. *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind you of the Christian experience in different regions of the Afro-Eurasian world. The first column of the chart asks you to list the regions where Christian communities developed during the period. The remaining columns are to help you organize your thoughts. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure to put quotation marks around the copied material; however, if you can think of a way to put it into your own words, you should do so.*

Region	Type of Christianity	Growth or Decline of Community	Institutions	Relations with Other Christians	Distinctive Characteristics
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After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers this question:

How can one best describe the history of Christianity during the period between 500 and 1300?

This question requires you to provide an overview of a religion that experienced mixed fortunes during the period, something you will want to keep in mind as you think about how to organize your essay. Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.