Judaism Lesson

1. Define Judaism?
2. Read the story about the Jewish people from the Story of the World page 35-38. Use near pod code **NQIKY**

Discussion questions:

1. What city-state was Abraham from?
2. Abram’s father was part of what social class in Mesopotamia?
3. The city-state of Ur lies along what river?
4. Why did Terah want to leave Ur?
5. Why did Abram go to Canaan?
6. What did God promise Abraham?
7. How old was Abraham’s wife
8. Describe how the Jewish People were birth beginning from Isaac.

***The Orgins of Judaism page 170***

1. Where did the religion of Judaism developed as a religion?
2. What other two religions developed from the religion of Judaism?
3. Look at the map on page 171. Which river is Abraham believed to have followed?

***The Exodus***

1. Why did the Egyptians enslave and mistreated the Israelites?
2. Who convinced the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go?
3. Define Exodus
4. The Jewish people will celebrate Passover on March 30 – April 7. What will they be celebrating?

***The Ten Commandments***

1. What are the Ten Commandments?
2. What happened on Mt. Sinai according to the bible?
3. What is the main idea behind the Ten Comandments?

***The Teachings of Judaism page 176***

1. Describe the Torah?
2. What is the difference between the Prophets and the Writings?
3. How was the Israelites idea of God different from that of other people?

***The Jewish People page 182***

1. In the Hebrew bible what was judge?
2. Who was the first king of Israel?
3. How were David and Solomon related?
4. What happened to the United Kingdom of Israel?
5. Who conquered the kingdom of Israel?
6. How did Cyrus the Great help the Jews?

***The Diaspora***

1. What is Diaspora?
2. Which lands did the Persian empire cover?
3. Who conquered the Persians?
4. What happened to the Jews after Alexander died?
5. Look at the map on page 185. What can you say about the Jewish communities, based on the map?
6. Describe how Diaspora changed the way Jews worship.
7. What are synagogues?
8. Which empire destroyed the Second Temple in 70 A.D.
9. What are three values of Judeo-Christian tradition that have influenced modern democracies?