**Unit 3 – Land-Based Empires Topic 3.3 – Empires: Belief Systems**

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| **Cultural Developments and Interactions**The development of ideas, beliefs, and religions illustrates how groups in society view themselves, and the interactions of societies and their beliefs often have political, social, and cultural implications.  |
| **Learning Objective** | **Historical Developments** | **Study Guide Notes** |
| Explain continuity and change within the various belief systems during the period from 1450 to 1750. | The Protestant Reformation marked a break with existing Christian traditions and both the Protestant and Catholic reformations contributed to the growth of Christianity  |  |
| Political rivalries between the Ottoman and Safavid empires intensified the split within Islam between Sunni and Shi’a.  |  |
| Sikhism developed in South Asia in a context of interactions between Hinduism and Islam.  |  |
| **Respond to the Learning Objective:** |