World Religions
Examining non-biblical sources

Read the Jewish, Roman, and Greek sources and answer the following questions: (include quotes from the writings to support your answers.)

1. On what facts about Jesus do the three Jewish sources agree?

2. How does the report by Josephus support biblical reports of Jesus?

3. How does the writing in the Annals by Tacitus reveal Roman attitudes toward Christianity?

4. Why does Pliny have misgivings about executing Christians?

5. What is unique about the way the Mara bar Serapion sees Jesus? How does his view reflect his world view?

6. How do all of these writings show the character of early Christianity and its place in the ancient world?