### Ask

**Where did religious freedom begin in the U.S.?**
- Read aloud, "Hawthorne’s book was popular because it was one of the first to deal with a taboo subject, adultery. We know a lot about the founding colonies and their seeking religious freedom. Hester was hardly free from the ties of religion."
- Click the link above to launch the map and explore religious patterns.
- Hester lived in a Puritan community, but what other religious affiliations existed in the colonies? [Protestant, Quaker, and Anglican]

### Acquire

**What happened with regions beyond Colonial America?**
- With the Details button depressed, click the button, Contents.
- Deselect the two checkboxes for the layers, Massachusetts and Colonial Religion.
- Check the box to the left of the layer name, Congregations by State, 2010.
- Zoom out to view the United States.
- What states have more than 10,000 congregations? [Most to least: TX, CA, NC, FL, PA, NY, OH, IL, GA, TN, AL, and VA]
- What patterns exist across the country? [Answers will vary.]
- What happens when the number of congregations is divided by the population? [It’s a more realistic view based on the number of people.]

### Explore

**Who participates in religion?**
- Check the box to the left of the layer name, % Congregations.
- Deselect the checkbox to the left of the layer name, Congregations by State, 2010.
- What states have the greatest percentage of congregations based on population? [In order: WV, AR, MS, SD, ND, AL, UT, OK, TN, and MT]
- Turn off the % Congregations layer.
- Turn on the Adherence layer.
- What states have the greatest adherence? [UT, ND, AL, LA, OK, MS, SD, MA, MN, and NE]
Analyze

How are congregations and adherence different?

- Compare congregation patterns to adherence patterns.
- What can be concluded about religion from the 2010 data? (Direct correlation in UT, AL, MS, OK, MT, SD, and ND)
- Turn off all congregation or adherence layers.

Act

What religions are most influential around the world?

- Turn on the layer, Major Religions.
- Zoom out to see the entire map.
- What religions are in the U.S.? (Roman Catholic, Mixed Christian, Protestant, and Mormon)
- What country or region of the world has the most diversity? Least diversity? (Most diverse: Africa; least diverse: Eastern Europe, Russia)

TURN A MAP LAYER ON AND OFF

- Make sure that the Details pane is selected, and click Show Contents Of Map.
- To show individual map layers, select the check boxes next to the layer names.
- Hint: If a map layer name is light gray, zoom in or out on the map until the layer name is black. The layer can now be turned on.

IDENTIFY A MAP FEATURE

- Click a feature on the map, and a pop-up window will open with information.
- Links and images in the pop-up are often clickable.
- An arrow icon in the upper right of the window indicates that multiple features have been selected.
- Click the button to scroll through the features.

Next Steps

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TEXT REFERENCES

This GIS map has been cross-referenced to material in the following novel.

• The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

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