

The Origins of Judaism

How did Judaism originate and develop?

P R E V I E W

Think of two historical figures who have been important in the development of the United States. List them below. Then write a sentence that explains each person's contributions to this country. Draw a symbol or visual to represent the contributions. An example is given for you.

Alice Paul

She led the fight for women to have the right to vote, which was finally achieved in 1920.

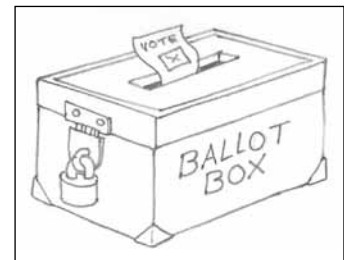


Figure 1:

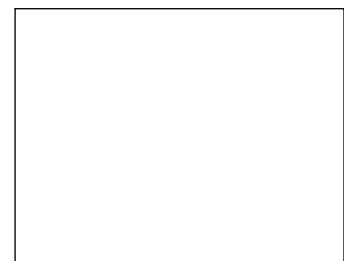


Figure 2:



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Key Content Terms

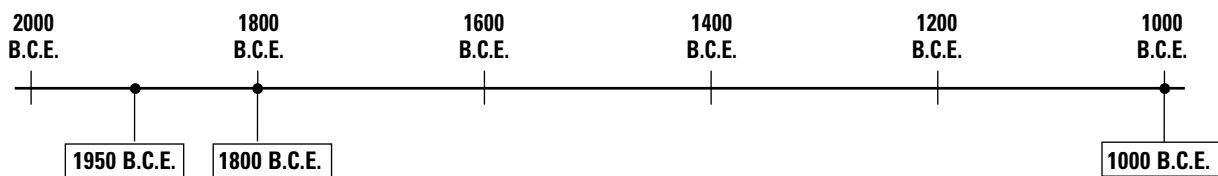
As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

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| Torah | Judaism | Israel | Jerusalem | Exodus |
| Israelite | tradition | slavery | covenant | Ten Commandments |

Section 2

Identify the sources that historians use to learn about the ancient Israelites. Which of these sources do you think is the most useful and why?

Complete a timeline on the movement of the ancient Israelites from 1950 B.C.E. to 1000 B.C.E. For each of the boxed dates on the timeline below, write a brief caption describing the location and movement of the ancient Israelites around that time. Add a title for your timeline that summarizes its main idea.



Section 3

For each Jewish leader on the matrix, describe one action he took as the leader of the ancient Israelites and one contribution that the Torah says he made to the development of Judaism.

Jewish Leader	Action as Leader	Contribution to Judaism
Abraham		
Moses		
David		
Solomon		

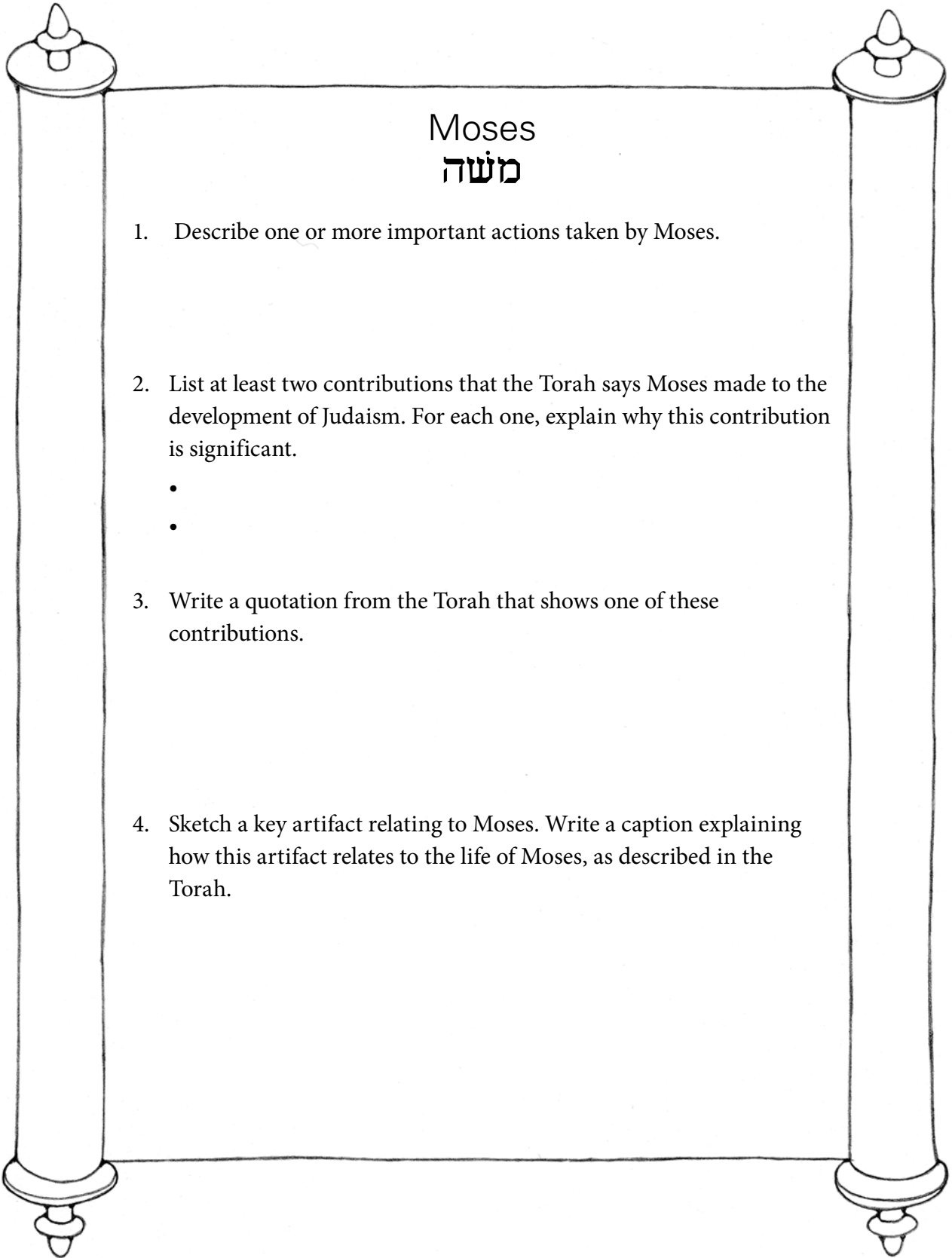
Section 4

Abraham

אַבְרָהָם

1. Describe one or more important actions taken by Abraham.
2. List at least two contributions that the Torah says Abraham made to the development of Judaism. For each one, explain why this contribution is significant.
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3. Write a quotation from the Torah that shows one of these contributions.
4. Sketch a key artifact relating to Abraham. Write a caption explaining how this artifact relates to the life of Abraham, as described in the Torah.

Section 5



Moses
מֹשֶׁה

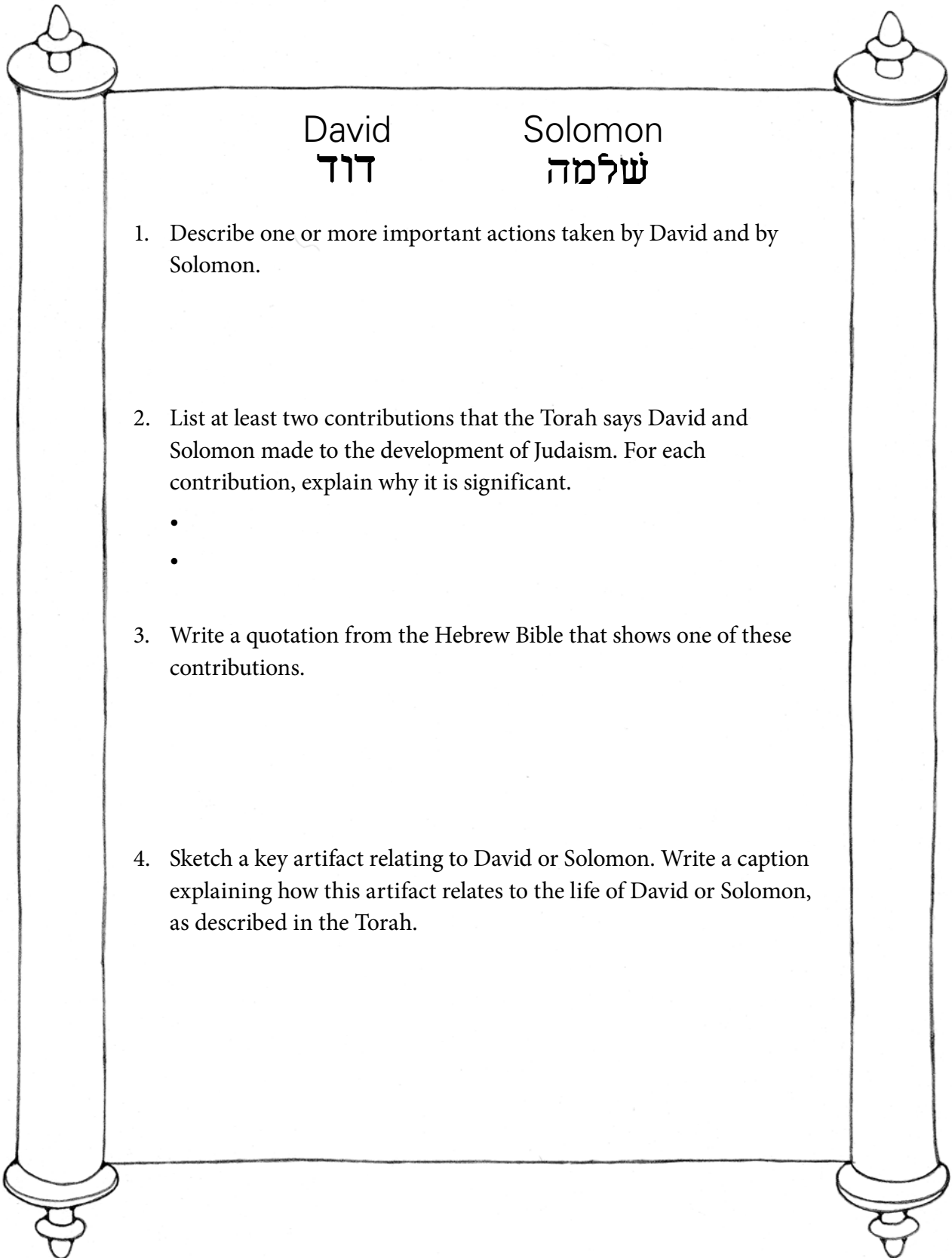
1. Describe one or more important actions taken by Moses.

2. List at least two contributions that the Torah says Moses made to the development of Judaism. For each one, explain why this contribution is significant.
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3. Write a quotation from the Torah that shows one of these contributions.

4. Sketch a key artifact relating to Moses. Write a caption explaining how this artifact relates to the life of Moses, as described in the Torah.

Section 6



David
דָּוִד

Solomon
שְׁלֹמֹה

1. Describe one or more important actions taken by David and by Solomon.

2. List at least two contributions that the Torah says David and Solomon made to the development of Judaism. For each contribution, explain why it is significant.
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3. Write a quotation from the Hebrew Bible that shows one of these contributions.

4. Sketch a key artifact relating to David or Solomon. Write a caption explaining how this artifact relates to the life of David or Solomon, as described in the Torah.

PROCESSING

In the space below, first list one contribution that Abraham, Moses, David, and Solomon made to the origin and development of Judaism. Then, from your list, choose the individual who you think made the most significant contribution and explain your choice in a well-written paragraph.