**World Religions Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Christianity**-Monotheistic or Polytheistic- circle the correct one.

What do Christians Believe? - **Beliefs**

* The religion of Christianity is built around the teachings of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Jesus went throughout the land of Palestine preaching his message of God's **\_\_\_\_**, **\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He was a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in that the core of his teachings were about love for others, caring for the sick and poor, and putting your faith in God not priests or government officials.
* Jesus' message forms the core of the **\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Testament, the most important part of **Christian** writings. In **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_to the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Testament which focused on **Jewish** traditions and laws handed down by God, the New Testament focused on a new type of philosophy.

Holidays

* Christmas-Celebration of the birth of Jesus
* The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of Jesus is the most important event in Christian tradition and is marked by the holiday of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

The Spread of Christianity

* Today Christianity is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** religion in the world with 2 billion followers.

Christian Divisions

* Christianity has more sects (branches) than any other world religion.
  + Two main branches-Catholics and Protestants

How do Christians Worship?

* Despite all of the many differences, there are certain common things that unite Christians in the way they worship.

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**Judaism**– Monotheistic or Polytheistic circle the correct one.

The Roots of Judaism:

* According to the Hebrew Bible the story of Judaism began over 4,000 years ago in a land called **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, (what we call **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** today).

The Holy Land

* The land of Israel has changed hands many times over the past 4,000 years from the Canaanites, Babylonians, Persians, Israelites, Romans, Arabs, European Crusaders, Ottomans, British, Palestinians, and finally becoming what is today the modern country of Israel.
* What's the reason for all of this fighting over such a small strip of land?
* Location-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Sacred Writings

* Jewish tradition places a big emphasis on all Jews learning to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. This is why Judaism has survived despite some pretty big obstacles.
* The story of Judaism is about **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_ is made up of three parts which are a collection of writings that talk about Jewish history, God's laws, and ways that Jews should behave.
* The first part of the **Tanakh** is also the most well known: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + The Torah **(aka the first 10 books of the Christians' Old Testament)** tells us about how humanity (Adam and Eve) were created by God. How God saved the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and the contract (The Ten Commandments) that God made with the Hebrews. This contract tells how Jews should behave (thou shallt nots) and in return, Jews believe that God gave them the land of Israel as their permanent homeland.

Jewish Holidays

* **Chanukah** is a time of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + In 165 BCE, a Syrian king ruled Israel and tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Some Jews rebelled against the king and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the Syrians in a surprise victory.
* According to tradition, the temple lamps were lit but only had enough oil to last for one day. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, the lamps stayed lit for eight days, which is why there are eight days of celebration during Chanukah.
* High Holidays: The most important Jewish holidays, known as the High Holy Days, include **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hashanah** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kippur**. These two days mark the beginning of the Jewish New Year. This is a time when Yahweh writes the names of Jews in one of three books. One book is for the good, one for the wicked, and one for everyone else.
  + Rosh Hashanah is a time for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* On Yom Kippur Jews are supposed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* What story is told during the Festival of Passover? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* What would a Seder meal look like? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* How do Jews Worship God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* What is the purpose of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Judaism and Christianity Compared

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**Islam**- **Monotheistic** or Polytheistic- circle the correct one.

Who Are Muslims?

* The word Muslim means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Nearly **\_\_\_\_%** of Middle Easterners practice the religion of Islam, a religion founded by the prophet **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**who lived as a merchant in the Arabian city of Mecca during the 600s CE.

How Islam Got Started?

* Read through the page and give a synopsis of how Islam got started.

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Arabia Unites Under Islam

* The Muslim holy book \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The religion of Islam teaches that there is no god but God (Allah) and the Quran **preserved** many of the teachings laid down by the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Divisions in Islam

* Islam is divided into two main branches or sects: the **\_\_\_\_** (Soo Nee) and **\_\_\_\_** (Shee ah).
  + Sunnis believe that **anyone** can be an Imam (Muslim religious leader), while the Shia believe that Imams are **chosen** by Allah and can do no wrong. Sunnis and Shia have a long history of **distrust** and **conflict**.

Where do Muslims Worship?

* Many Muslims attend services at a Mosque (aka Masjid) which are held on Friday, the Islamic **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* During Friday prayers Muslims \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* All prayers are done in the direction of the holy city of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Any Muslim, no matter whether you are in Iraq or Canada can be pointed in the right direction by facing a special niche in a wall called the **Mihrab**.

The 5 Pillars of Faith

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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Islam and Daily Life

* It is rare for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Five times a day throughout towns and cities in the Middle East the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* The Quran also requires that both men and women dress \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Hinduism**-Monotheistic or Polytheistic circle the correct one.

How do Hindus View God?

* Hindus believe in one god but see that God (called **Brahman**) as being made up of **\_\_\_\_\_** gods.
* Hindus believe that God (Brahman) is so **\_\_\_\_\_** and **complicated** that a mere human could never fully comprehend Brahman, therefore, Hindus pray to different aspects of Brahman.
* In Hinduism there are three main gods which are **Brahma**, **Vishnu**, and **Shiva**.

1. Brahma- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Vishnu-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Shiva-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do Hindus Worship God?

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Reincarnation

* Briefly explain the Hindu belief in reincarnation\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Karma

* What is Karma? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* What does Karma lead to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The Hindu Caste System

* Fill-in

* Who are the Untouchables? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* How is the caste system changing today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Holiday/Celebration

* The Hindu festival of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is a celebration of light over darkness and **good over evil**. This is a time when Hindus light traditional clay lamps -called diya or deepum- to symbolically cast out the darkness. During this **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day** long festival Hindus clean their homes to represent starting a new, Diwali is the start of the New Year in many parts of India.

Islam and Hinduism Compared

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**Buddhism**- Monotheistic or Polytheistic circle the correct one.

What do Buddhists Believe?

* The Buddha now understood why there is pain and suffering in the world and he explained his new thinking in what he called the **Four** Noble Truths.

1. There is pain and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in life.

2. This suffering is caused by people's desires and cravings for **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** things

3. People can end the suffering by stop doing what **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the suffering

4. People can stop craving unnecessary things by following the eight-fold path.

* The Eight-Fold Path involved following a code of moral behavior that would help people to end their craving and desire for unnecessary things. These 8 things are:

1. Right **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

2. Right **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

3. Right **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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8. Right **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The Buddha taught that by following these principles one could reach **\_\_\_\_\_** (pronounced ner vah nah) or the end of suffering. Reaching nirvana broke the cycle of **reincarnation** that Buddhists and Hindus believe in.

The Five Precepts

* Most Buddhists strive to follow the five precepts (rules) that guide how a Buddhist should live their daily lives.

1. Refrain from **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

2. Refrain from **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

3. Refrain from Lying, Slandering, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **Spreading Rumors**

4. Refrain from Sexual **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

5. Refrain from Taking **Intoxicants**

Meditation

* What is Meditation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the goal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_