

Before we learn about Islam...

What is Judaism?

- _____ of the three major religions that originated in the Middle East.
- Belief in _____ God.
- _____ was the father of Judaism.
- Their holy book is called the _____.
- They believe that they are God's _____ people and that they must obey his _____.
- The Jews were originally settled in _____, but were forced out of this land by the _____.
- When the Jews were forced out of this land, this is called the _____.

What is Christianity?

- Christianity has the same _____ as Judaism, but believes that Jesus of Nazareth was the _____ that the Bible tells about.
- The Bible contains the _____ and the _____, but the New Testament contains the _____ which are the basis of Christian beliefs.

History of Islam

- It all begins with _____, a prophet.
- Abraham is considered to be the father of BOTH the _____ and _____ people.
- Abraham and his wife _____ couldn't have a child, so Abraham had a child with his wife's servant. This child was named _____.
- Then...Abraham and Sarah were able to have a child and had a son named _____.
- Ishmael was then sent away and lived in a city called _____.
- Abraham went to visit Ishmael in Mecca, and they built a _____ there. This temple is called the _____.
- The _____ is the holiest and most sacred place for Muslims.

Muhammad

- Muhammad was born about _____ into the leading tribe of Mecca.
- Muhammad was an _____ and was raised by his uncle.
- He was a hard-working boy - honest and dependable, who began his life as a _____ and later went into the _____ business.
- He was a _____ manager for a wealthy widow, Khadija, whom he eventually _____.
- Muhammad was _____ and Khadija was about _____!
- They had at least _____ children and a long and happy marriage.

Muhammad as a Prophet

- Muslims believe _____ was the first prophet, and that there were many prophets including Abraham and _____. Muslims believe that _____ was the LAST prophet.
- Muhammad supposedly received a divine _____ from the angel _____ which he commanded Muhammad to recite.
- Citizens of Mecca were _____ to the message and thought that he was disrupting their life.
- Muhammad and some of his followers fled north to _____.

- This trip was known as the Hegira, an event on which the Muslims base their calendar AND this is the official beginning of _____.
- While in Medina, Muhammad changed the direction in which they _____, facing toward _____. This is still true today.
- Muhammad ended up leading an army of _____ men and went back into Mecca.
- Most of Arabia was converted to _____ by the time of Muhammad's death in _____.
- Muslims believe that Muhammad ascended into _____ from a mosque in _____.

Terminology:

- The religion is called _____.
- The people are _____.

Fact:

- Of more than 1 billion Muslims worldwide, only about 1/6 are _____.

Try to Guess:

Which country has more Muslims than any other country in the world?

Answer:

_____ - with over 200 million Muslims. Note: The U.S. has about 5 million Muslims.

Fact

- Muslims are _____ and worship the same one _____ of Christians and Jews.

Note

- " _____ " is the Arabic word for God.

You guess... True or False???

- Most Muslim women wear head veils over their faces and are treated very badly.

Answer: _____

- Muslim women have many different styles of dress. (Very few cultures require women to cover their faces).
- The treatment of women varies from country to country and family to family.
- Some Muslim countries, like Pakistan, have had female _____. The US has never had a female president.

Main Beliefs of Islam (5 Pillars of Islam)

1. _____: Belief in one God and that Muhammad is His prophet.
2. _____: 5 times a day - facing Mecca.
3. _____: Giving money to the poor is REQUIRED, not optional.
4. _____: During the month of Ramadan, Muslims cannot eat or drink anything during the daylight hours.
5. _____: Once in their lives - IF they can afford it, Muslims make a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Vocabulary:

_____ : a Muslim place of worship.

_____ : (or Koran): Muslim Holy book.

- After Muhammad, the people had to decide who was going to be their religious leader. They came up with the leader called a _____.
- A _____ claimed to be the successor of Muhammad.
- after Muhammad and a series of caliphs, the Arab Empire experienced invaders and military attacks.
- The _____ were a series of military conflicts between Muslims and those trying to recapture the _____.
- The _____ Empire existed in the 1300s and 1400s and included growth of the Islamic culture and religion.

Just like there are different denominations of Christianity (Baptist, Presbyterian, etc.) are their different branches of Islam???

- _____!!! This division happened after Muhammad died and people were fighting about who is the new leader. The two groups are:
 - _____
 - _____

Which group are there more of?

_____. About _____% of Muslims are Sunnis.

Sunnis or Shiites?

- What is the difference between these 2 groups?
 - Sunni - believe that _____ righteous male was qualified to be the leader.
 - Shiites - believe that a leader must be a direct _____ of Muhammad.

Conclusions:

- Islam is an important religion, which shares many beliefs and practices with _____ and Judaism.
- Muslims live in many different countries. Islam is especially widespread in Africa, Asia, and southeastern Europe (the Balkans).