



# BELL WORK

Did you know that the main religion of the Arabian Peninsula is Islam?  
Write down everything you know about Islam.



# ISLAM



## OBJECTIVE & STANDARD

I can examine and explain the elements of Islam using my own words.

7.5 Trace the origins of Islam and the life and teachings of Muhammad, including historical connection to Judaism and Christianity.

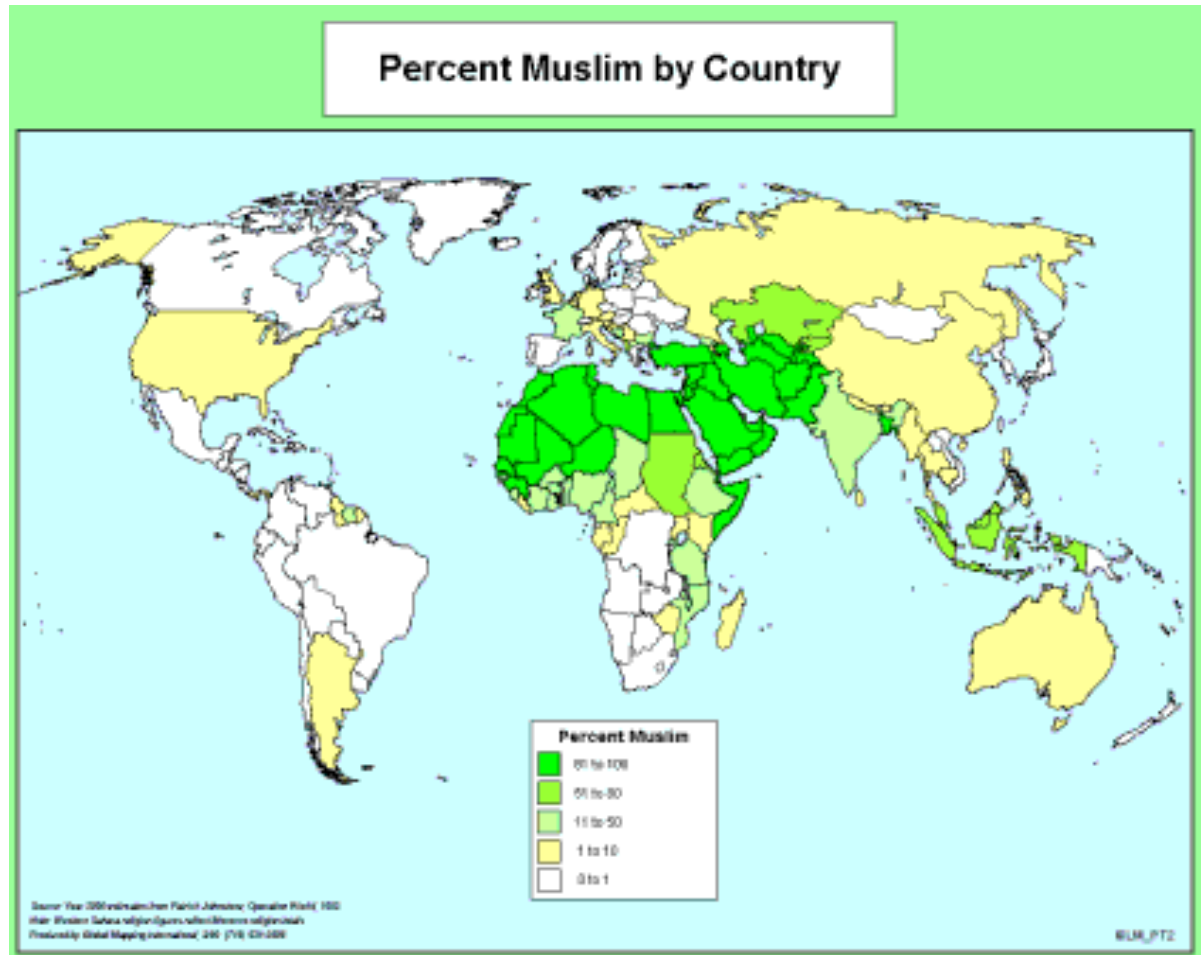
# PAIR SHARE & WRITE



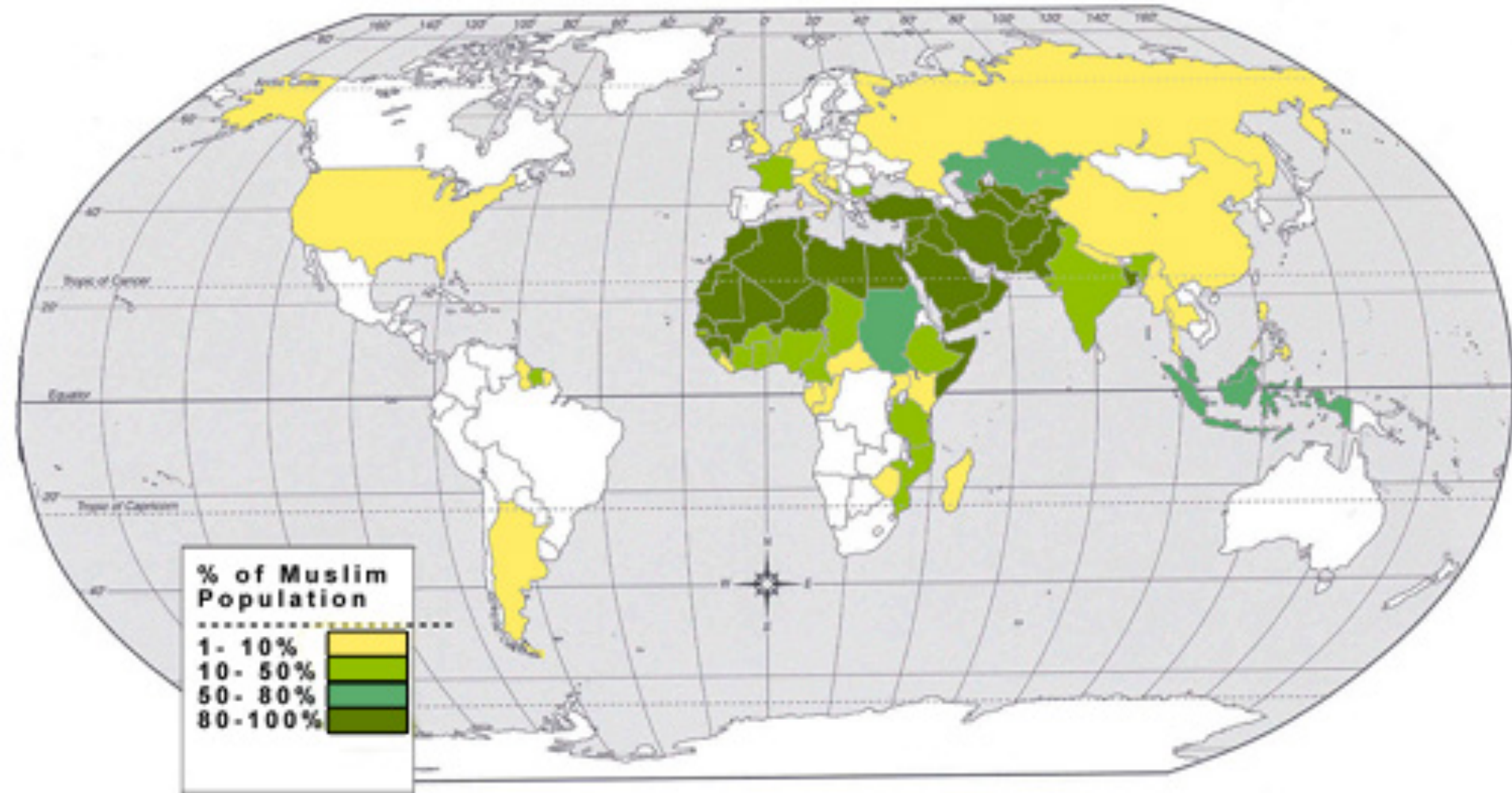
- Turn to your elbow partner and tell them what you wrote about Islam.
- Write down the facts they listed that you did not.

# Did you know?

At least 42 nations are almost completely Islamic.



# Percent of Muslims by Country



There are 1 billion Muslims in the world.

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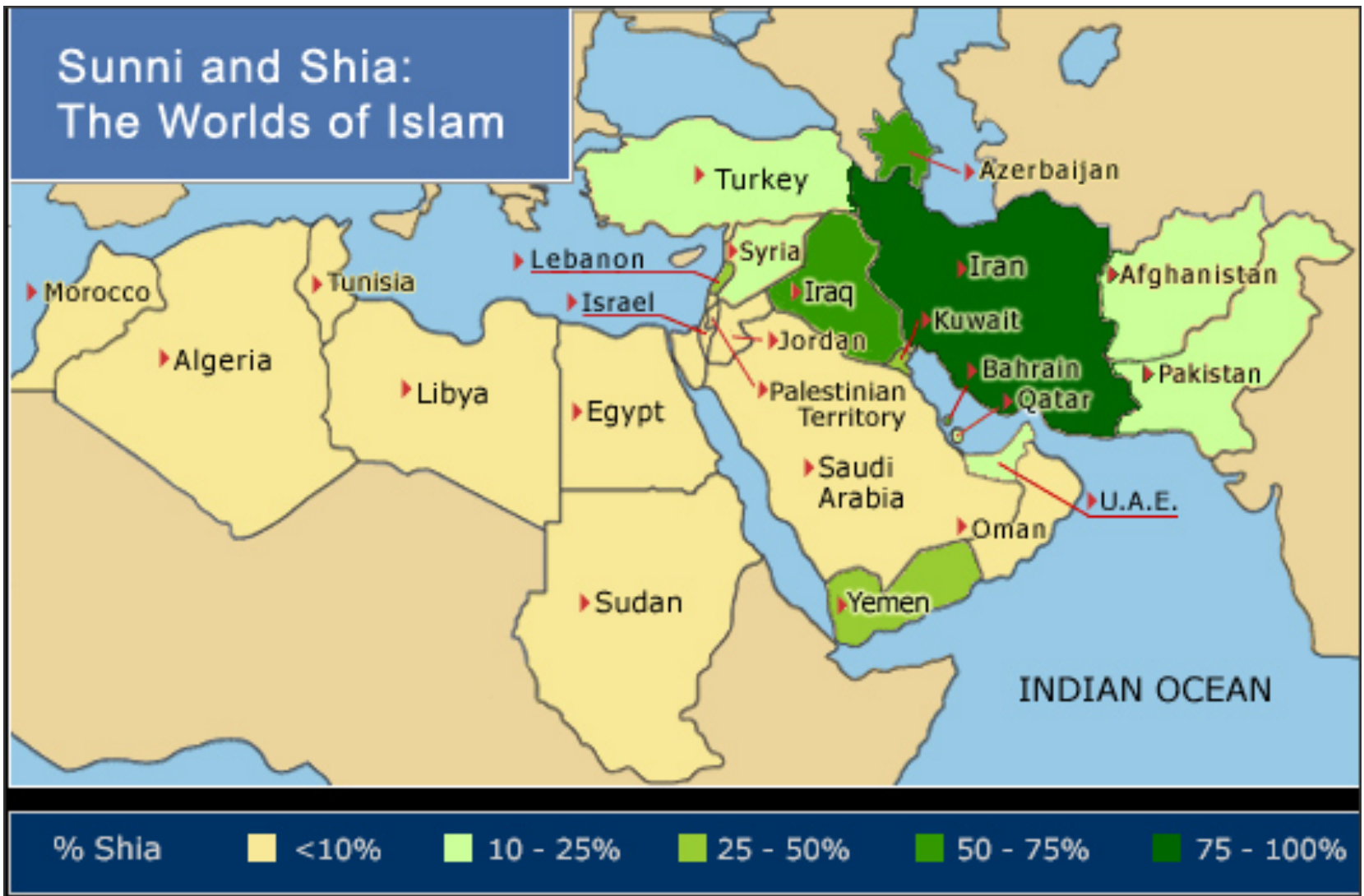
# Muhammad

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- Muhammad is the founder of Islam
- Born in Mecca in 570 AD



## Sunni and Shia: The Worlds of Islam

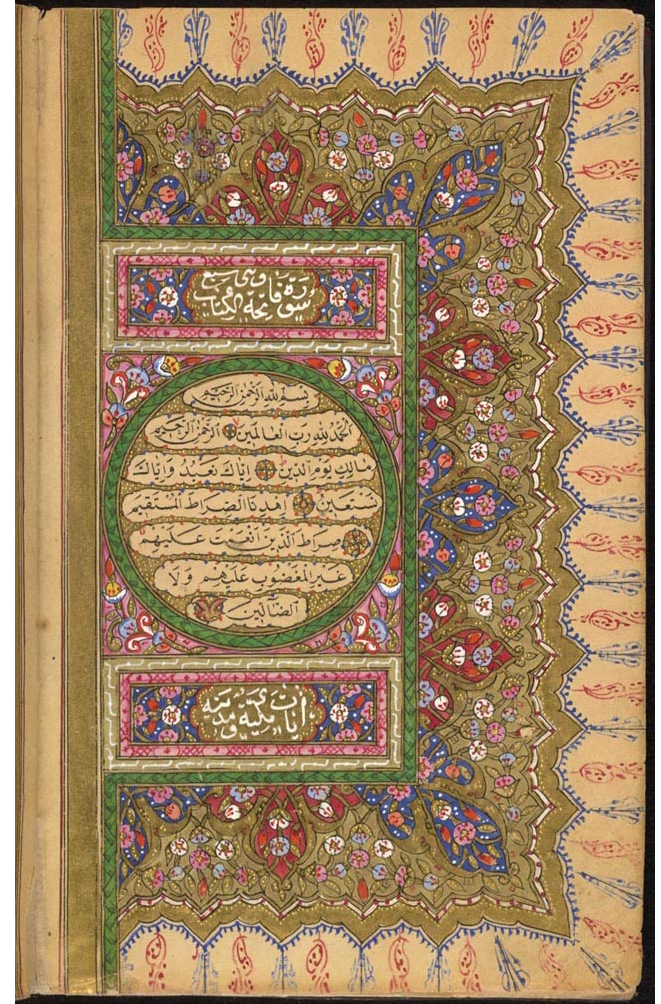


☐ Sunnis believe the true Caliph/leader should be chosen by those close to Muhammad and that the leader did not have to be a relative of Muhammad. Most Muslims (85%) are Sunni.

# Qur'an



- Islam's holy book
- Also spelled Koran
- Divided into 114 chapters called *suras*
- Arranged from longest to shortest;
- It is a little shorter than the NT in the Bible.





# What are the main practices?

## The pillars of faith (rukun iman)



Belief in the angels of Allah

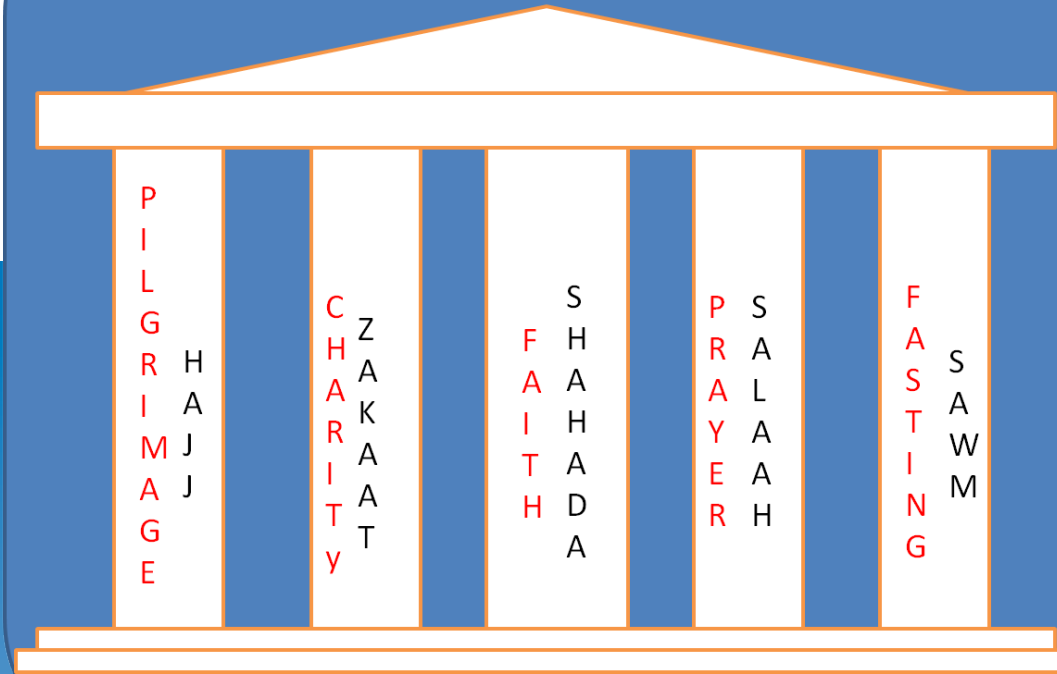
Belief in the prophets and messengers of Allah

Belief in Judgement Day and the life hereafter

Belief in the revealed books of Allah

Belief in predestination and pre-judgement of Allah

## 5 PILLARS OF ISLAM

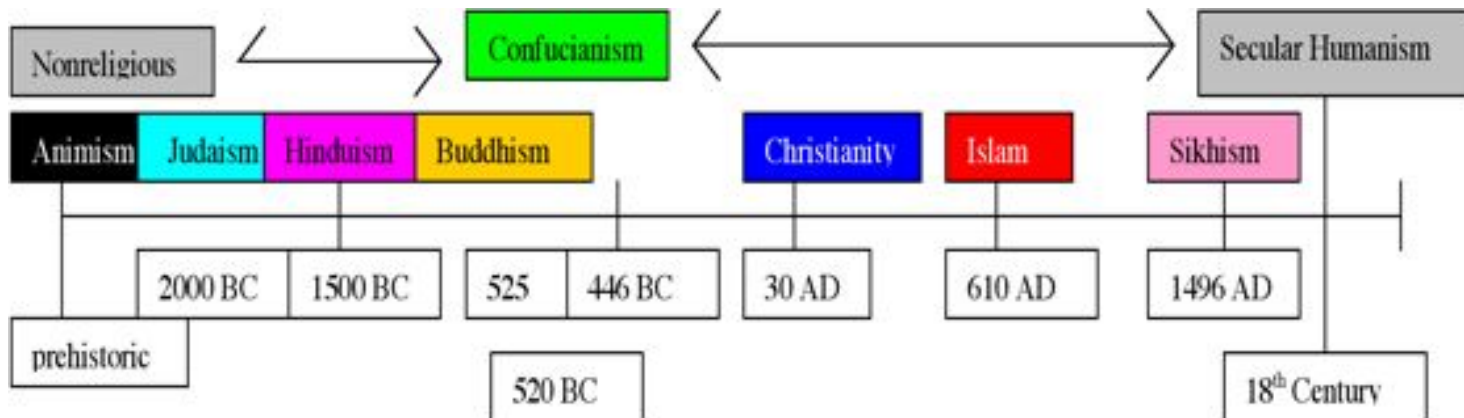


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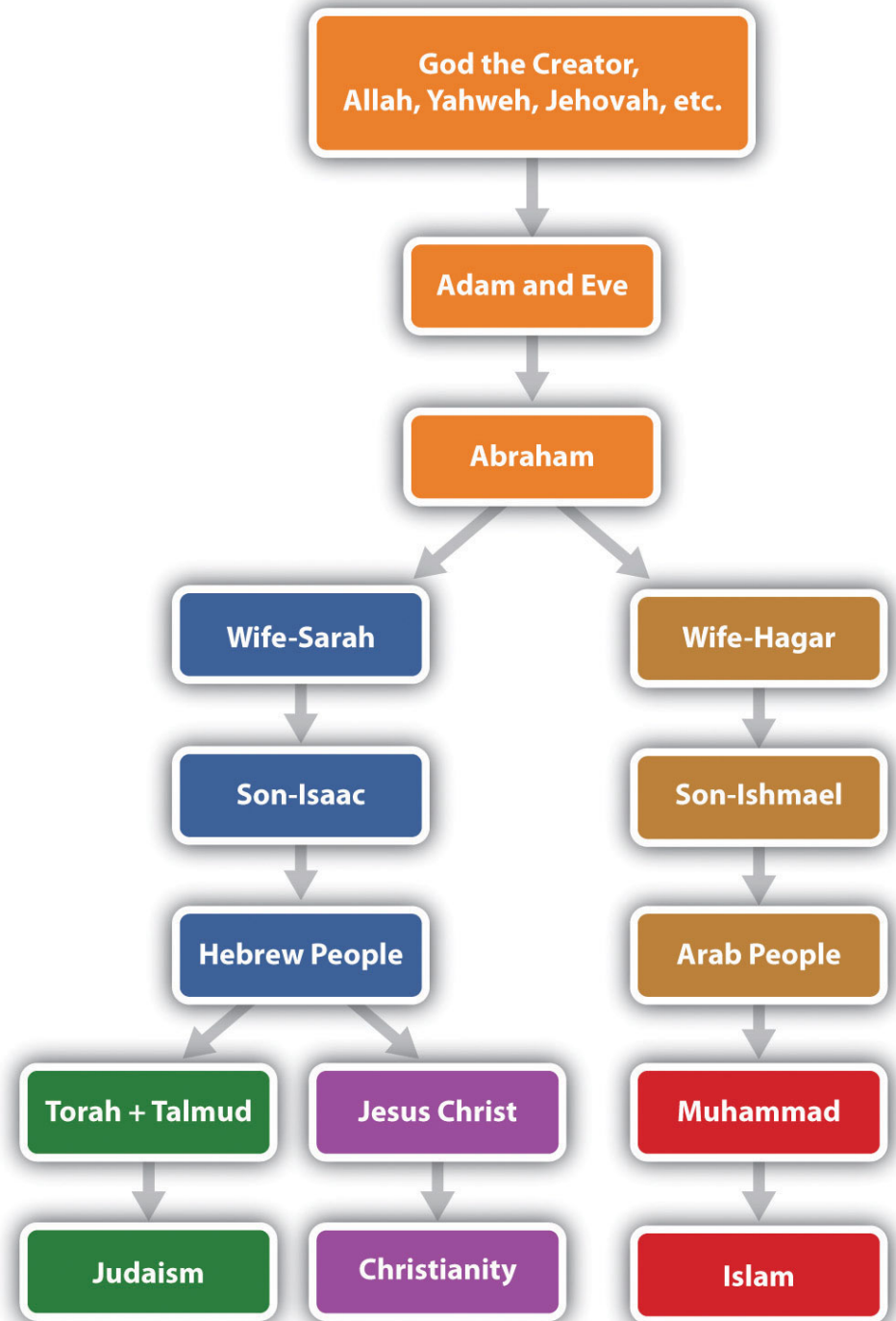
# Connecting Islam to Judaism & Christianity



	<a href="#">Islam</a> (main page)	<a href="#">Judaism</a> (main page)	<a href="#">Christianity</a> (main page)
<b>Date founded</b>	622 CE	unknown	c. 33 CE
<b>Place founded</b>	Saudi Arabia	Palestine ( <a href="#">def</a> )	Palestine
<b>Founder</b>	<a href="#">Muhammad</a>	Moses or Abraham	<a href="#">Jesus</a>
	See <a href="#">History of Islam</a>	See <a href="#">History of Judaism</a>	See <a href="#">History of Christianity</a>
<b>Original language(s)</b>	Arabic	Hebrew	Aramaic, Greek
<b>Early expansion</b>	within 12 years, entire Arabian peninsula; within 100 years, Muslim world stretched from the Atlantic to China	little expansion; mostly confined to Palestine	within 60 years, churches in major cities in Palestine, Turkey, Greece and Rome ( <a href="#">map</a> ); entire Roman Empire by end of 4th cent.
<b>Major splits</b>	Shia/Sunni, c. 650 CE	Reform/Orthodox, 1800s CE	Catholic/Orthodox, 1054 CE; Catholic/Protestant, 1500s CE
	Compare <a href="#">Sunni and Shia</a>	Compare <a href="#">Jewish denominations</a>	Compare <a href="#">Christian denominations</a>



Abraham is the sole connection between Islam, Christianity, & Judaism.



# Ramadan Video

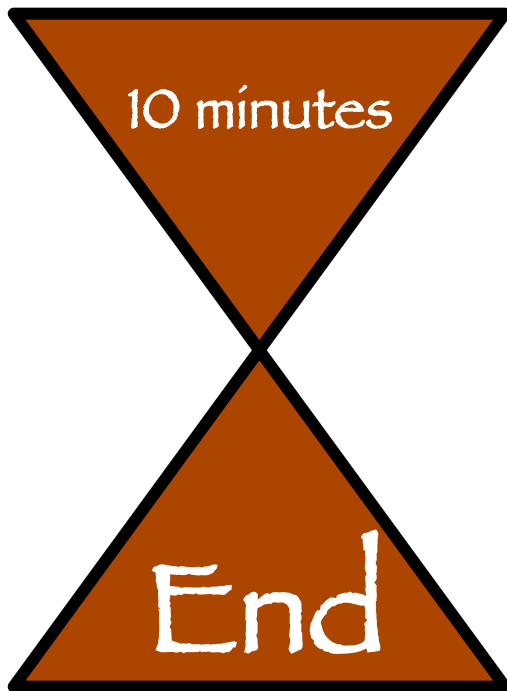
## RAMADAN & ISLAM

■ Muslims fast during the daylight hours of Ramadan, the month the Qur'an "came down."

<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/ramadan/videos/history-of-ramadan>

# CLOSE READING

## RAMADAN



- **Read the article closely**
- **Highlight or underline important evidence about Islam & Ramadan.**

## World Religions: ISLAM

Islam is one of the most widespread religions in the world. Its followers, called Muslims, number between 850 million and 1 billion. Islam is practiced on the African continent in the countries of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Somalia, and Mauritania. The Islamic religion is also practiced in Asia and in the area known as the Middle East in the countries of Oman, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, and Israel. There are also Muslims in Russia, China, Europe, and North and South America. The three largest Muslim communities are found in Indonesia, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.

Islam is based on the belief in one god. Allah is the Arabic word Muslims use for "God." In Arabic, "Islam" means submission to Allah. The Muslims believe that in the 7th century Allah chose Muhammad to receive his message. Muhammad recorded the revelations he received. That text has now become known as the Koran (also spelled Qur'an).

The most important rituals practiced by the Muslims are often referred to as the Five Pillars of Islam. They are as follows:

1. Shahadah - a short statement declaring the greatness and oneness of Allah.
2. Salat - prayer that is offered five times daily
3. Sawm - the fast that takes place during Ramadan
4. Zakat - a religious tax used for the poor, the sick, and others less privileged in the Islamic community
5. Hajj - the pilgrimage to the Holy City of Mecca

The third pillar (Ramadan) will be the focus of this mini-unit.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. This month lasts 29 or 30 days and occurs during different seasons depending on the cycle of the calendar. The fast of Ramadan lasts the entire month. All those who have reached the age of puberty (usually 12 years of age) are expected to observe the fast. Muslims are also expected to feed a poor person during this month. If one is ill or on a journey during Ramadan, one can fast the same number of days that were missed at a later time.

During this time strict restraints are placed on Islamic followers. They are not to eat or drink during the daylight hours, but they may break the fast at sunset. The fast begins again the next morning when one can see the white light coming through. One can have sexual relations in Ramadan only after sunset. Ramadan is a time to demonstrate self-mastery of one's physical desires. Ramadan is also a time for Muslims to concentrate on the practice of their faith. Time is spent praying, worshipping, contemplating, and receiving religious instruction. Ramadan is a time to worship Allah; part of that worship includes reciting passages from the Koran. Ramadan is a time of profound joy for many.

During Ramadan, there is a festival-type atmosphere after sunset. In many cities Muslims go out after they have broken the fast to visit family and friends or to simply take a walk. Shopping areas and restaurants are open and busy and alive with conversation. On the 27th day of Ramadan, fireworks are often used to celebrate the Night of Power-the night that Muhammad first received revelation of the Koran in 610. Ramadan is a time to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of the Koran. It is a time to remember the poor, to practice self-mastery, and to recommit one's self to the Islamic faith.

# Islam Reading Questions



1. What are the followers of Islam called?
2. What is the Holy book of Islam?
3. What would one call the worship place of Islam?
4. Write a brief description of the five pillars of faith.
5. What is Ramadan? Why is it celebrated?