

WORLD RELIGIONS: Video Notes (12 minutes)

1. People created rituals and sacrifices to please the _____ or apologize to them.
2. Most early religions were ways to deal with the immediate _____ and needs of a single tribe or nation.
3. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all began in the same region of the world:
_____.

JUDAISM

4. Judaism began about _____ years ago as the religion of a small group of people known as Hebrews, or Jews.
5. The Hebrews had a god who watched over them, but in time they developed a revolutionary idea about this god. The idea of **monotheism**: there is only _____ god for all of humanity. In time, the Hebrews came to see God as the creator of the entire universe, and as the only true god.
6. Today, followers of Judaism live all over the world, but most live in _____, the U.S.A., and the former Soviet Union.
7. They worship God in special _____ called synagogues.
8. The Jewish holy day begins at dusk on Friday and continues through _____.
9. There are only about _____ Jews in the world today, but from this religion grew Christianity and Islam.

CHRISTIANITY

10. Like Jews, Christians also believe in _____.
11. They accept the version of history described in the OLD TESTAMENT. But for Christians the most important events took place later in history: the birth, life, death, and resurrection of _____.
12. According to the writings of the NEW TESTAMENT, Jesus Christ was a Hebrew who was born about _____ years ago when the Middle East was a part of the ancient Roman Empire.
13. Christians believe that Christ is God's _____, who was sent to Earth to teach people to love one another as God loves them.
14. Today, Christian religions take many different _____. Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, and Baptists are just a few religious denominations that follow a belief in Christ.

15. Christians worship in _____, with readings from the Bible and silent prayers.
16. Many Christians attend church services on _____, their day of rest.
17. Today more than a _____ people belong to one of the many Christian churches.

ISLAM

18. Islam, the Muslim religion, is another religion with roots in the _____.
19. Islam began in the ancient city of Mecca, in the middle of the great desert that today makes up much of _____.
20. Around 610 C.E., a man named Mohammad began to describe messages he said the angel Gabriel had given him from _____.
21. In time, these messages were written down in Islam's holy _____, the Koran (Qu'ran).
22. According to Islam, God (or Allah) demands strict obedience of all his _____.
23. All Muslims must follow FIVE main duties. They must:
- Profess belief in God and in Mohammed as God's prophet
 - Pray _____ times each day facing in the direction of Mecca
 - Give charity to the poor
 - Fast during the special month of Ramadan
 - Make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lives
24. Like Christians, Muslims believe in _____ after death. They believe Allah will send the good to Heaven and the bad to Hell.
25. Muslims have not set aside a day of "rest", but on Fridays all male Muslims must attend _____ at a mosque.
26. Islam began with one group of people in the Middle East: the _____ people.
27. Today, there are more _____ Muslims than there are Arab Muslims; about 800 million believers in all.
28. Muslims, Christians, and Jews all follow the belief in a _____, all-powerful God.