

Southwest Asia's Prominent Religions

Directions: Fill in the chart below while discussing the *Prominent Religions* presentation.

	Judaism	Christianity	Islam
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Origins			
Sacred Text(s)			
Followers Called			
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Interesting Facts & Beliefs			
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	Judaism	Christianity	Islam
Founder	Abraham	Jesus	Muhammad
Origins	1800 BCE in modern day Iraq (Southwest Asia)	33 CE in Jerusalem, Israel (Southwest Asia)	622 CE in Mecca, Saudi Arabia (Southwest Asia)
Sacred Text(s)	Torah, Talmud	Bible (Old and New Testament)	Qur'an (or Koran)
Followers Called	Jews	Christians	Muslims
Number of Followers	15 million	2.1 billion	1.2 billion
Interesting Facts & Beliefs	<p>*Answers may vary</p> <p>Jews believe that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.</p> <p>Jews are still waiting on the Messiah.</p> <p>Jerusalem is a holy city.</p> <p>Jews worship in synagogues and temples.</p>	<p>*Answers may vary</p> <p>Christianity has its roots in Judaism.</p> <p>Jesus is the Messiah.</p> <p>Denominations include Catholicism, Orthodoxy, and Protestantism.</p>	<p>*Answers may vary</p> <p>In Arabic, Islam means surrender to the will of Allah (God).</p> <p>Muslims believe Muhammad is the last and greatest prophet.</p> <p>The Five Pillars of Faith are obligations that all Muslims must fulfill in their lifetime.</p> <p>Holy cities include Mecca, Medina, & Jerusalem.</p>
Holidays	Hanukah, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur	Christmas, Easter	Ramadan