

Monothestic Religions

Judaism, Islam, & Christianity

Learning Target

- SS6G10 Describe selected cultural characteristics of Europe.
 - b. Identify the major religions in Europe: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Monothéism

- Judaism, Christianity, & Islam are major religions practiced in Europe.
- Followers of each practice **monothéism**, a belief in one god.

What else do they have in common?

Similarities

- All three believe in one god (monotheistic).
- They all started in Southwest Asia.
- They can trace their roots to Abraham as the father of their faith.
- Jerusalem is the holiest city in the world for Jews and Christians, and the third holiest city for Muslims.
- All three have an important messenger and book of teachings.

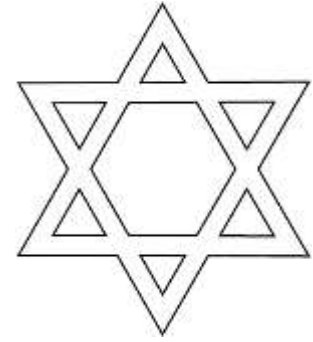
Jerusalem, Israel





Judaism

Judaism



- Judaism is the religion of Jews.
- It was founded by Abraham around 2000 BCE.
- Jews believe that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.
- The Jewish holy book is the Torah, which is the oral and written laws of the Jews.

Judaism

- Jews believe that they descended from Abraham and Sarah, the first people to worship Yahweh (God).
- Abraham lived at least 3,700 years ago in what is now Iraq.

The Torah



Abraham & Sarah

Judaism

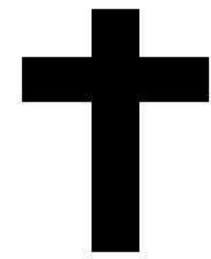
- Jews worship in synagogues and temples.
- They believe that a messiah (savior) will lead them to the Promised Land.
- “What is hateful to you, do not to your neighbor.”

How do you feel about this?



Christianity

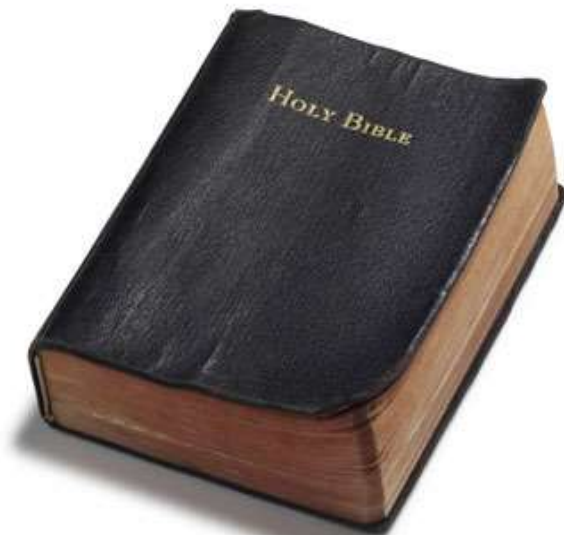
Christianity



- Christianity actually has its roots in Judaism.
- Christians believe in Jesus, who preached a new religion of love and kindness around 30 CE.
- Christians believe that Jesus was the messiah (savior).

Christianity

- The Bible is the main holy book for Christians.
- It consists of the Old Testament and the New Testament.



Christianity

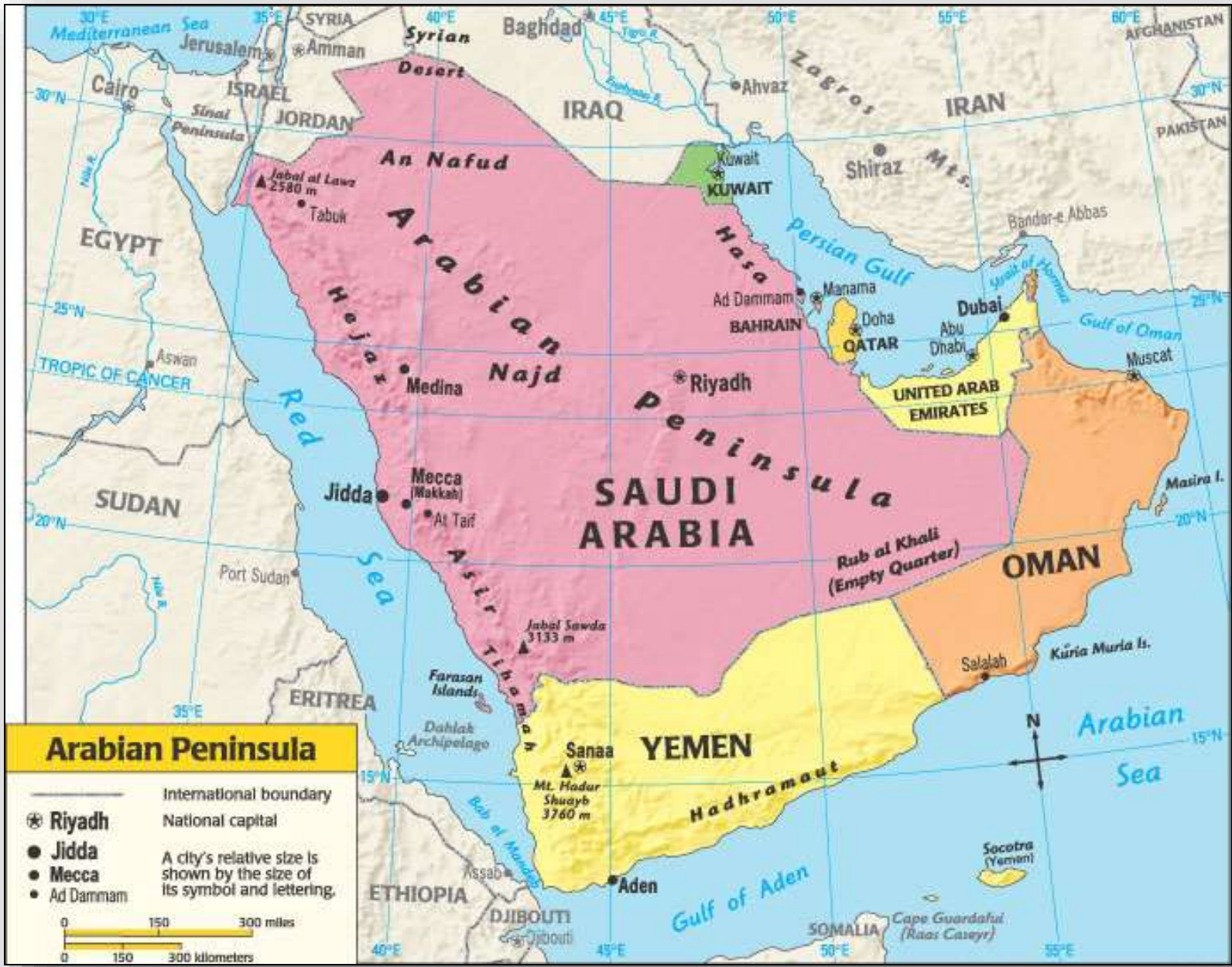
- Christians are grouped by many denominations.
 - Examples include Catholicism, Orthodoxy, and Protestantism.
- All denominations of Christians follow the teachings of Jesus.
- Christians worship in churches and chapels.



Islam

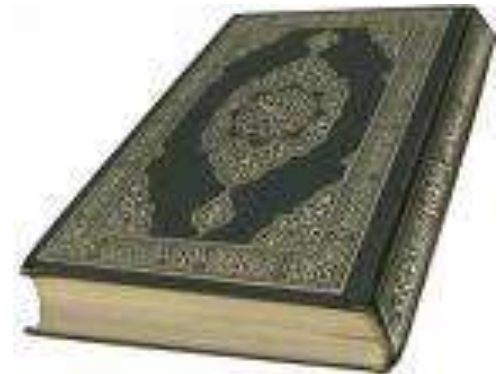
Islam

- Islam began around 610 CE in Southwest Asia.
- In Arabic, *Islam* means “surrender” to the will of Allah (God).
- Followers of Islam are called Muslims, and the founder is Muhammad.
- Muslims believe that Muhammad is the last and greatest prophet of Islam.
 - Other prophets include Abraham, Moses, & Jesus.



Islam

- The Muslim holy book is the Qur'an (Koran).
- It states how people should live their lives.
- It describes the Five Pillars of Faith (obligations all Muslims must fulfill in their lifetime).

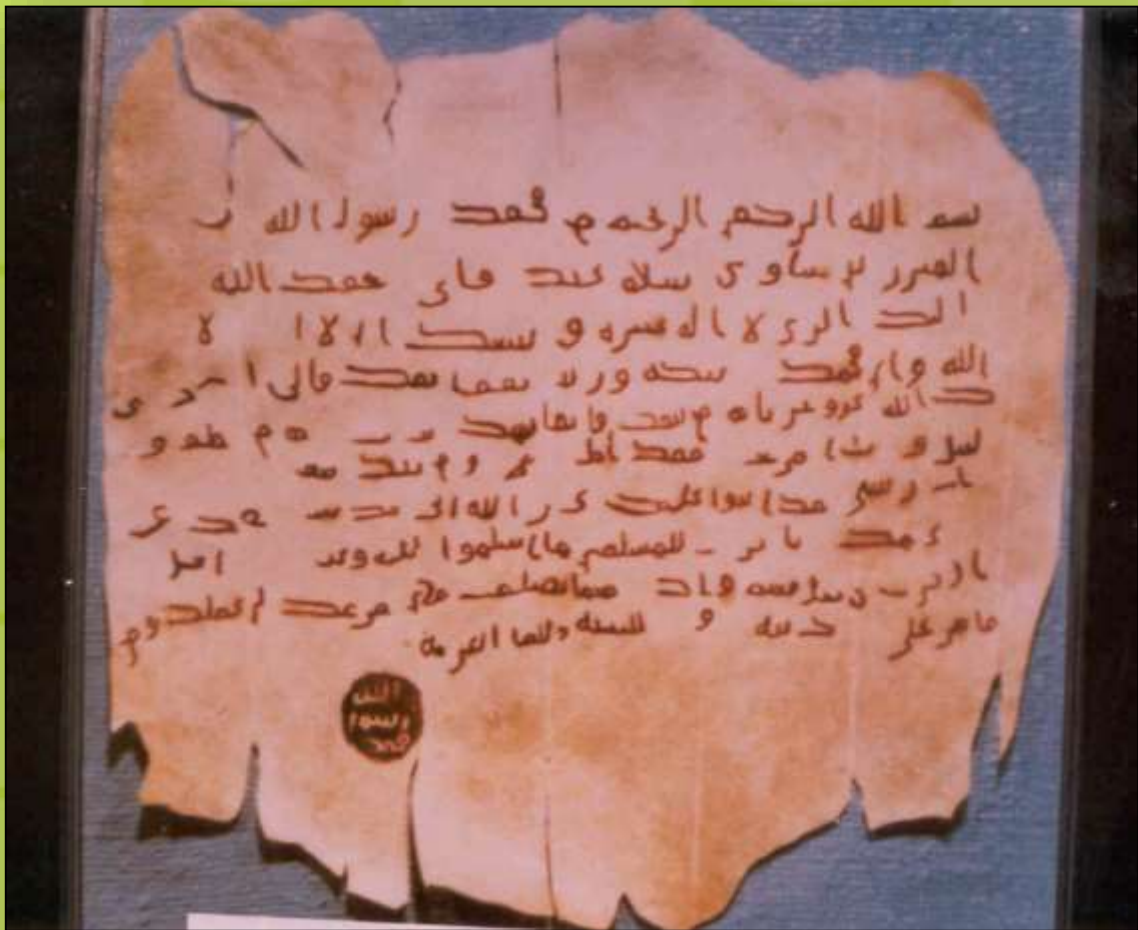


Islam

Five Pillars of Faith:
(the main duties of Muslims)



1. Prayer,
2. Giving to charity,
3. Belief in and submission to one God (Allah),
4. Fasting during the month of Ramadan,
5. and a trip (hajj) to Mecca once in a lifetime.



Two letters written by
Muhammad...so old!

Muhammad's Hat, Robe, & Staff



Muhammad's Swords



A piece of Muhammad's hair



One of Muhammad's sandals

The Green Dome in Medina



Muhammad's grave lies
under the Green Dome.
(This is his casket.)

The Grand Mosque in Mecca



	Judaism	Christianity	Islam
Founder?			
Holy Book?			
Followers are Called?			
Symbol			