## EQ

**How are the Abrahamic faiths similar and different?**  
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### UNIT PREVIEW

| Activator | Religions of the World: A Comparison of Religious Thought  
United Streaming Video and Video Guide. 1 hour |
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### Teaching Strategies

#### Day 1

- **Vocabulary Definitions:** Give each student a word to define. All definitions can be found in their text. The class will then exchange definitions with each other until the student has collected all definitions.
- **Brainstorm components of religion. Discuss with class**

- **G/O** - 3 sheets of paper folded. On back of graphic organizer, have students complete timeline of religions. The students will only complete the Judaism, Christianity, Islam section of the G/O for this lesson.

- **Listen to Matisyahu “Jerusalem”** Have students do a 1 minute write on what they think the relationship to Judaism is.
- **Share the basics of Judaism with the students and have them complete their organizer of notes.**
- **With partner, answer the questions from page 13.**

**AP#1  Pair/share:** Share two facts about Judaism that make it unique.

#### Day 2

- **Share the basics of Christianity with the students and have them complete their organizer of notes.**
- **Read “Christianity Explained”, Ganeri, Anita p22-25 located in Quarter 3 Materials Scanned. File is Q3 SS Culture and Religion 16-19.**
- **AP#2  Venn Diagram:** Determine two ways Christianity is similar and two ways it is different from Judaism.

- **Share the basics of Islam with the students and have them complete their organizer of notes.**

- **With partner, answer the questions from page 13.**

**AP#1  Pair/share:** Share two facts about Islam that make it unique.**
1. And We said: O Adam! Dwell thou and they wife in the Garden, and eat ye freely of the fruits thereof where ye will; but come not near this tree lest ye become wrongdoers.

2. O Children of Israel! Remember My favor wherewith I favored you and how I preferred you to all creatures.

3. And you remember when We deliver you from Pharaoh’s folk, who were afflicting you with dreadful torment slaying your sons and sparing your women.

4. We believe in God and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received, and that which the prophets received from their land.

5. And when the angels said: O Mary! Lo! God hath chosen thee and made thee pure, and hath preferred thee above all the women of creation.

6. And when We did appoint for Moses forty nights of slitude, and then ye chose the calf, when he had gone from you, and were wrongdoers.

7. And I come confirming that which was before me of the Torah, and to make lawful some of that which was forbidden unto you. I come unto you with a sign from your Lord, so keep your duty to God and obey me.
How are the 3 Abrahamic faiths similar and different?

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2000 BC Hinduism forms in India and spread through India

1500 BC Judaism forms in area of present day Israel

500 BC Buddhism begins in India but spreads north, northeast, and east.

1 AD Christianity forms after the birth of Christ

620 AD Islam forms as Muhammad begins preaching
Judaism

Matisyahu: Jerusalem
Judaism

Place of origin:
• Mesopotamia 2000BC (Modern day Iraq, Jordan, Israel)
• Abram (Abraham)

Holy text:
• Old Testament (Torah: 1st 5 books of OT)

Place of worship:
• synagogue

Believers: Jews

Symbols: star of David

Core beliefs:
• 13 articles of faith
What are the 13 Articles of Faith?

- God exists
- God is one and unique
- God is incorporeal
- God is eternal
- Prayer is to God only.
- The prophets spoke truth.
- Moses was the greatest of the prophets.
- The Written and Oral Torah were given to Moses.
- There will be no other Torah.
- God knows the thoughts and deeds of men.
- God will reward the good and punish the wicked.
- The Messiah will come.
- The dead will be resurrected.
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Core beliefs:
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• 10 commandments
• There is one God and they are waiting on their messiah

Holy Day: Saturday
• Sunset Fri-Sunset Sat
• Shabbot or Sabbath

Holidays:
• Rosh Hashanah (new year), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Hanukkah
Jewish law requires men to cover their heads as a sign of respect and reverence to God when praying, studying Torah, saying a blessing or entering a synagogue. This practice has its roots in biblical times, when the priests in the Temple were instructed to cover their heads. Traditionally, Jewish men and boys wear the kippah at all times, a symbol of their awareness of, and submission to, a "higher" entity.
What is the Western Wall?:

the retaining wall of Herod's Temple is the holiest Jewish site in the world
“How Judaism Began”

• Jr. Scholastic/November 15, 2004
• Answer questions from page 13.
Pair/share: Share two facts about Judaism that make it unique.
1. List two interesting facts about Judaism.
2. What is the western wall?
3. When did Judaism begin?
4. What are some of their core beliefs?
Christianity

Place of origin:
Modern day Palestine/Israel
33 AD by Jesus

Holy text: Bible
(Old & New Testament)

Place of worship:
• church, chapel, cathedral, meeting hall, basilica

Believers: Christians

Common Symbols:

Core beliefs:
• Jesus was resurrected
• Most believe in Heaven/Hell
• Belief in one God who is represented in the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
• Jesus is Lord, Savior, Messiah and died for others’ sins

Holidays:
• Christmas, Easter
Islam

Place of origin: 622 AD
Mecca, Saudi Arabia
Muhammad
Holy text: Qur’an (Koran)
Place of worship: Mosque
Believers: Muslims (Moslems)
Symbols: no true symbols

Core beliefs:
• Mohammad (last and greatest prophet)
• Paradise/Hell

HOWEVER…
Five Pillars

1. Confession of faith (shahada)
2. Daily prayer (salat)
3. Charity/Alms tax (zakat)
4. Pilgrimage to Mecca (hajj)
5. Fasting during Ramadan (sawm)
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• Five pillars

Main holidays:
Ramadan followed by Eid-
Al-Fitr, Eid-Al-Adha

Other info:
Monotheism (One God:
Allah meaning “the God”)
What is the Dome of the Rock? (691 AD) - contains the rock from which Muhammad is believed to have ascended into heaven on his Night Journey (Qur'an 17) and is believed to be the site of Abraham's near sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)
Summarizer

- Complete Venn Diagram of 3 major religions
Each item below refers to Judaism, Christianity, or Islam. Some items refer to two religions or all three religions. Write the letter of each item in the correct area of the Venn diagram.

A. Yom Kippur
B. mosques
C. Jesus as Son of God
D. Ramadan
E. Main religion of Southwest Asia, Central Asia, and North Africa
F. Quran
G. monotheism
H. The oldest religion
I. Main religion of Armenia and Georgia
J. Descended from Abraham
K. Began in Southwest Asia
L. Sunni and Shia
M. Muhammad
N. Hebrew Bible
O. Official religion of Roman Empire
P. rabbis
Q. Hajj to Makkah
R. Main religion of Israel
S. New Testament
T. Forbidden to eat pork
### Homework

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5 Pillars of Islam:
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Uses Torah / Old Testament
5 Pillars of faith suggest a Hajj to Mecca once in a lifetime
Worship in a synagogue
Worship in cathedrals and churches
Belief that Christ is the Messiah
Birthplace in the Middle East
Belief that Muhammad was the final and greatest prophet
There is only one God; Muhammad is his prophet
Belief in one God;
Jesus Christ is the son of God;
the Trinity
belief in one God
Prayers are performed 5 times daily
Prayer on an individual basis; no prescribed times
Three sets of prayers recited each day; sunrise, noon, and sundown
Charity amounting to 2 ½% of one’s income is offered
Followers are urged to tithe 10% of their income
Biblical tithing is followed; followers also give of their time to charity
Fasting during the month of Ramadan
Some followers “give up” items or practices during Lent
Fasting is observed during Yom Kippur
Making a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime
No ritual pilgrimage required although many religious sites recognized
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