Standards

SS6G11 The student will describe the cultural characteristics of Europe.

b. Describe the major religions in Europe; include Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
1. The major religions practiced in Europe.
2. Followers of each practice in ________________, a belief in _________ god.
3. All three started in _________________________.
4. _______________ is a holy city for all three religions.
5. It was founded by _____________________ around _________________.
6. The Jewish holy book is the _______________________.
7. Jews worship in _____________________ and ______________________ .
8. Christians believe in _________________, who preached a new religion of love and

   kindness around
9. The _______________ is the main holy book for Christians.
10. Christians worship in _________________ and __________________.

   CHRISTIANITY
   7. Jews worship in the __________________________ and __________________________

   JUDAISM
   4. All three started in ________________ around ________________.

   3. All three started in ________________, a belief in one God (Allah).

   2. Followers of each practice in _________________ are major religions practiced in Europe.

   1. ____________ are major religions practiced in Europe.

   14. The Five Pillars of Faith:

      First: Belief in one God (Allah)
Monotheistic Religions CLOZE Notes - Key

1. Judaism, Christianity, Islam
2. Monotheism, one
3. Southwest Asia
4. Jerusalem
5. Abraham, 2000 BCE
6. Torah
7. Synagogues, temples
8. Jesus, 30 CE
9. Bible
10. Churches, chapels
11. 610 CE
12. Muslims, Muhammad
13. Qur’an
14. Prayer, charity, fasting
Judaism, Christianity, & Islam are major religions practiced in Europe.

Followers of each practice monotheism, a belief in one god.

What else do they have in common?
• 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 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.
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 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.
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 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
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Directions: Complete the chart while discussing the Monotheistic Religions presentation.
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**Interesting Facts**

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- Muslims believe that Muhammad is the last and greatest prophet of Islam.

**Symbol**

![Judaism Symbol](image)
![Christianity Symbol](image)
![Islam Symbol](image)
**Compare and Contrast Monotheistic Religions**

**KEY**

- **Judaism**
  - Founded 2000 BCE
  - Followers are called Jews
  - Torah is holy book
  - Worship in synagogues and temples
  - Believe Jesus is a prophet, not Messiah

- **Islam**
  - Founded in 610 CE
  - Muhammad is greatest prophet and founder
  - Allah (God)
  - Followers are called Muslims
  - Holy book is the Koran
  - Believe in Five Pillars of Faith

- **Christianity**
  - Jesus is the Messiah (savior)
  - Founded in 30 CE
  - Bible is the holy book
  - Worship in churches and chapels
  - Followers are called Christians

- **Monotheistic**
- Began in Southwest Asia
- Can trace roots to Abraham

- Jerusalem is holiest city
- Christianity has roots in Judaism (Old Testament, Ten Commandments, etc.)
Directions: If the people below were talking about their religions, what would they say? Create speech bubbles for things that each person would say. Next, illustrate each person (include important elements of their religions, if possible.)

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