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**Cultural Geography of SW Asia Enrichment Activity**

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**Directions: Use your notes, graphic organizers, standard handouts, etc. to help you complete the items below.**

1. What are the differences between an **ethnic group** and a **religious group**?

2. List the three major religions of SW Asia and tell where they originated.

3. List the holy books, leaders, and places of worship for each religion.

**Judaism:**

**Christianity:**

**Islam:**

4. List the sects of these religions:

**Christianity:**

**Islam:**

5. List the **Five Pillars of Islam**.

6. What caused the split between the Muslim believers?

**Sunni-**

**Shia-**

7. Which ethnic group is also a religious group? **Jews.**

8. Where (countries) do most Shia Muslims live? Sunni Muslims?

9. The earliest monotheistic religion that was developed in SW Asia = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Belief in one god = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

11. Today, “Iran” is what you will see on a map; before 1935, you would have seen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. List four things you learned about the Arabs.

13. List four things you learned about the Kurds.

14. List four things you learned about the Persians.

**Read the following statements and decide which religion(s) is (are) described. Use I for Islam, C for Christianity, or J for Judaism.**

15. Place of worship is a synagogue or temple

16. Celebrates Hanukah, Passover, Yom Kippur, and Rosh Hashanah

17. Has the most followers

18. Guided by a religious/spiritual leader called an imam

19. Follow specific dietary laws called kosher

20. Pray toward Mecca (Saudi Arabia) five times per day

21. Celebrates Easter and Christmas

22. Followers read the holy Bible

23. Believes Muhammad was the last prophet

24. Rabbi is the religious leader

25. Holy writing/text is called Qur’an (Koran)

26. Believes that Jesus is the son of God

27. Holy book/sacred text is called the Torah

28. Place of worship is a church