

Cultural Geography

Name:

of SW Asia Study Guide

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?

An ethnic group you are born into.

A religious group you can choose. Believe in the same God(s)

2. List the three major religions of SW Asia and tell where they originated. (began/started)

Judaism (Israel); Christianity (Jerusalem); Islam (Mecca, Saudi Arabia)

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

Judaism: Torah, Rabbi, Synagogue

Christianity: Bible, Pastor, Church

Islam: Koran (Qu'ran); Imam, Mosque

4. List the sects of these religions: (sections/groups)

Christianity: Protestants (Christians)/Catholics

Islam: Sunni and Shia

85-90% (Community) (Familiā) 10-15%

5. List the Five Pillars of Islam.

1. Confession of faith

2. Prayer 5x a day

3. Pilgrimage to Mecca

4. Fasting during Ramadan

5. Charity

(Giving to the poor)

6. What caused the split between the Muslim believers? Who should lead after Muhammad?

Sunni- Believe any member from the Community (85-90%)

Shia- Believe any member from the Familiā (family) (10-15%)

7. Which ethnic group is also a religious group?

Jews

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

Most Shia Muslims live in Iran. (Persians)

Most Sunni Muslims live in Saudi Arabia.

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

10. Belief in one god = monotheism Belief in many gods = Polytheism

12. Today, "Iran" is what you will see on a map; before 1935, you would have seen Persia.

13. List three things you learned about the Arabs.

• Majority of Arabs live in Southwest Asia and N. Africa

• Not all Arabs are Muslims; • All Muslims aren't Arabs

14. List five things you learned about the Kurds.

• Kurds don't have their own country ("Kurdistan")

• 60% of Kurds are Muslims

15. List five things you learned about the Persians.

- Most Persians are Muslims, not all
- Persians live in Iran, it used to be called Persia.

Read the following statements and decide which religion(s) is (are) described. Use M for Muslims, C for Christians, or J for Jews.

16. Place of worship is a synagogue or temple J

17. Celebrates Hanukkah, Passover, Yom Kippur, and Rosh Hashanah J

18. Has the most followers C

19. Guided by a religious/spiritual leader called an Imam M

20. Follow specific dietary laws J and M (Jews don't eat pork)
Muslims don't eat pork/drink alcohol

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

22. Jerusalem is a holy city JCM

23. Followers believe in the holy Trinity C

24. Believes Muhammad was the last prophet M

25. Rabbi is the religious leader J

26. Holy writing/text is called Qur'an (Koran)- written in Arabic M

27. Believes that Jesus is the son of God C

28. Holy book/sacred text is called the Torah J

29. Place of worship is a church C

30. Followers fast (do not eat) during Ramadan M

31. Followers read the first five books of the Old Testament JCM

32. Abraham is the patriarch (father) JCM

33. Abraham is the founder J