

Pre-Test : Three Religions

This is a wonderful exercise as a pre-test, for it will elicit a lot of discussion. Some students will argue that questions can be interpreted in a number of ways and that there are not always hard and fast answers. (This in itself is a valuable thing for them to experience.) You will quickly get a sense of how much knowledge students have about Judaism and Christianity. Many statements raise further questions. i.e., "What was I [teacher] trying to say when I phrased question 25; how is it different from question 22?" This pre-test has worked well at the end of a unit of study; and one middle school teacher has used it both ways - as a pre-test followed by several class periods of discussion about what was discovered - and after three weeks of study, using the same test, but as part of the unit exam.

Matching: Questions may have more than one correct answer. Write "J" if the statement is true regarding Judaism, "C" for Christianity, "I" for Islam.

- _____ 1. The principle early figures of this religion were Middle Easterners.
- _____ 2. The Quran is one of their holy books.
- _____ 3. A follow of this religion is called a Jew.
- _____ 4. Jesus was its founder.
- _____ 5. The youngest or newest of the great religions.
- _____ 6. They believe in both the Old and New Testaments.
- _____ 7. Make a pilgrimage to Makkah.
- _____ 8. The oldest of the three religions.
- _____ 9. Believe Abraham is the father of their people.
- _____ 10. Face Makkah when they pray.
- _____ 11. Is a "monotheistic" religion.
- _____ 12. A follow of this religion is called a Christian.
- _____ 13. They believe there is no god but God.
- _____ 14. Call their "church" a synagogue.
- _____ 15. Believe their religion is for all the world; try to convert people.
- _____ 16. Began as a Jewish sect.
- _____ 17. Muhammad is their last prophet.
- _____ 18. Old Testament is their **only** holy book.
- _____ 19. The Middle East is the birthplace of this religion.
- _____ 20. Regard Abraham and Moses as prophets or wise leaders.
- _____ 21. Regard Jerusalem as a holy city.

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- ___ 22. Their "church" is called a mosque.
 - ___ 23. A follower of this religion is called a Muslim.
 - ___ 24. Accepts the Ten Commandments as a law code.
 - ___ 25. Call their "mosque" a church.
 - ___ 26. Recognize Jesus in their religion.
 - ___ 27. Discourages pictures or statues of their religious leaders.
 - ___ 28. Accepts the story of Adam and Eve as part of their tradition.
 - ___ 29. Today contains many branches or sects.
 - ___ 30. Has a creation story about God creating the universe out of nothing.