

Religions and Governments Review Sheet

(Remember that when we study the five major world religions I'm just trying to familiarize you with the major religions of the world. I'm not trying to teach you that any of them are right or wrong.)

Which three religions believe Abraham was a prophet?	Islam, Christianity, Judaism
Which religions are polytheistic?	Hinduism, Buddhism
Which religions are monotheistic?	Christianity, Judaism, Islam
Which religion is headquartered in Mecca?	Islam
Which denomination of Christianity is headquartered in the Vatican?	The Catholic Church
Where do most Hindus live?	India
What is the Hindu belief of dharma?	The belief of a moral balance of the universe. Each person has their own dharma.
What is the Hindu idea of karma?	The idea that people are rewarded for good deeds and punished for bad deeds.
What is the Hindu belief of samsara?	The idea that people are reincarnated and have a chance during multiple lives to do good deeds and live moral lives.
What is the Hindu belief of moksha?	The release from the cycle of samsara and a state of peace and happiness.
Where do most Buddhists live?	East Asia (China, the Koreas, Japan)
What do the Buddhists believe about suffering?	Suffering comes because we desire things. To end suffering be less attached to things of this world.
Where do most Muslims live?	The Middle East
What is the first Pillar of Islam?	Profession of faith: There is only one god Muhammad is God's prophet
What is the 2 nd Pillar of Islam?	Prayer: pray five times a day toward Mecca
What is the 3 rd Pillar of Islam?	Almsgiving: giving a portion of your wealth to the poor
What is the 4 th Pillar of Islam?	Fasting, during the month of Ramadan Muslims fast during the day.

What is the 5 th Pillar of Islam?	The Hajj: a pilgrimage to Mecca that each Muslim should make at least once in their life.
Where do the Jews mostly live?	The United States and Israel
What do the Jews believe they are chosen to do?	Teach the world about the moral teachings in the Torah.
What do Jews believe about the Sabbath?	It is a day of rest that begins Friday at sundown and ends Saturday at sundown.
What do the Jews belief about a messiah?	He will be a descendent of King David that will rule during a time of world peace.
Which parts of the Earth are mostly Christian?	Europe, the Americas, Australia
What do Christians believe about a messiah?	Jesus was divine. He died for the sins of the world. Jesus was the Jewish messiah.
What was the Great Schism and when did it happen?	In 1089 the church split into two parts, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church.
What did Martin Luther do in 1517?	He challenged some of the teachings of the Catholic Church. He started the Protestant Reformation which broke Northern Europe off from the Catholic Church.
What are the three major divisions of Christianity?	Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant

Governments

What is direct democracy?	Where the people directly run the government and make all the decisions.
What is representative democracy? (republic)	Where the people elect representatives to run the government for them.
What is constitutional monarchy?	When a king or queen is limited by laws or the people's representatives.
What is absolute monarchy?	When there are no limits on a king or queen's power.
What is a dictatorship?	When one person rules through force and terror.