**Major Monotheistic Religions of the World-** Study Guide ANSWERS



**Test Date: December 9th**

***I CAN:***

* *Explain the teachings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam including:*
* *founders, geographic origin, places of worship, holy books, major practices, and major beliefs.*
* *Explain how religion spreads throughout the world through cultural diffusion and how religion has influenced modern culture.*

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| **Judaism** | |
| Origin | Middle East |
| Founding leader | Abraham |
| Holy book | Torah |
| Place of Worship | Synagogue or Temple |
| Major Beliefs  *(at least three)* | -Monotheistic  -God is creator of the universe  -Ten Commandments |
| Major Practices  *(at least two)* | -Sabbath is on Saturday  -pray  -Some Jews do not eat pork  -fasting  -Passover, Hanukkah, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah |

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| **Christianity** | |
| Origin | Middle East |
| Founding leader | Jesus |
| Holy book | Bible (Old and New Testament) |
| Place of Worship | Church |
| Major Beliefs  *(at least two)* | -Monotheistic  -believed Jesus was crucified and resurrected  -Heaven  -Jesus is the son of God  -Ten commandments |
| Major Practices  *(at least two)* | -Sabbath is on Sunday  -Christmas and Easter  -pray |

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| **Islam** | |
| Origin | Middle East |
| Founding leader | Mohammed |
| Holy book | Koran or Qur’an (same thing just spelled differently) |
| Place of Worship | Mosque |
| Major Beliefs  *(at least three)* | -Monotheistic  -Allah has control over a person’s future  -Mohammad was God’s last messenger |
| Major Practices  *(at least two)* | -Sabbath is on Friday  -Five Pillars of faith  -pray |

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all started in the Middle East. From there each religion spread all over the world. Name three ways they spread.

1. \_\_\_Trade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_Conquest or expansion of civilizations\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_Writings\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_Migration\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_Interfaith marriages\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural diffusion can be defined as: the spread of culture from one place to another.

There are examples are culture spreading all around us. For example, all three of these religions started in the Middle East but we now see synagogues, temples, and churches in our neighborhood. Below come up with an idea of cultural diffusion for each of the religions we talked about. Make sure you write in a complete sentence.

* Judaism

Identified the first cancer virus, Actors and Actresses (Adam Sandler, Daniel Radcliffe, Natalie Portman), Music (Matisyahu “One Day” and “Surrender”), Names (Jacob, Joshua, Rachel), Anne, Food (Matzo ball soup, bagels)

* Christianity

Christian radio channels, TV shows, Christmas decorations, stores closed on Sundays

* Islam

Geometric Patterns, Improvements to algebra, Anatomy (first to use human cadavers), Architecture (rounded peaks), Music (Sting, Jay-Z, Shakira), Food (gummy candy, couscous, kabobs)

Complete the venn diagram below.

*Requirements:*

* Each religion should have at least four bullets
* Each portion shared with two religions should have one bullet
* The middle portion with all religions should have at least two bullets

