

ISLAM

☪ Islam = the _____

☺ Muslim = the _____ who follows that religion

The _____ and _____ moon (or just the crescent) is the most common symbol of Islam.



The Arabic word "Islam" translates two ways: " _____ " and " _____ " – surrender to the will of God and the peace that comes with that surrender.

Islam was started by _____. He was born in 570 A.D. in _____ (Saudi Arabia). Makkah is also written Mecca. For Muslims, Muhammad is _____ a God, or God's son. He is viewed as the greatest _____ of God.

The Qur'an (also written "Koran") is the _____ of Islam. According to Muslim belief, the Qur'an is the _____ of _____ and was revealed to Muhammad by the _____ Gabriel. All Muslims are _____ to read the Qur'an, and it must be read in its **original** language – _____. But obviously, _____ all Muslims grow up speaking Arabic. So how are they supposed to read the Qur'an in Arabic? Many Qur'ans are _____lingual – two languages.



Many stories from the _____ and _____ Testaments are included in the Qur'an. Moses and Jesus are both accepted as Muslim _____.



However, Muslims **do not** believe that Jesus was _____. They also **do not** believe that the Romans were allowed to kill Jesus. They believe that God saved Jesus from death and took him to heaven _____ he died on the cross.



The 'Five Pillars' of Islam

1. The declaration of faith: "There is no god but the one _____, and Muhammad is his _____." (*Allah* is the Arabic word for "God.")

2. Prayer: Pray at _____ specific times day.

1 – before sunrise 2 – mid -day 3 - late afternoon 4 – sunset 5 – bedtime



BUT – there are two _____ of Islam: Sunni (majority) and Shiite. Shiites pray 3 times a day instead of 5. They _____ some prayer times. *Many Iranians have stayed in the United States since the 1979 Iranian Revolution. So if you know a Muslim from Iran, you probably know a Shiite Muslim.*

But all Muslims – Sunni and Shiite – face _____ when they pray.

Why two branches of Islam? Shiite Muslims believe that after the Prophet Muhammad's death, leadership should have passed directly to a blood

_____ , to his son-in-law. **Sunni** Muslims believed the new leader should be **elected** – _____ from the best leaders. This all came up after _____'s death in 632 C.E. (A.D.). Sunni and Shiite Muslims have been the two branches of Islam ever since.



3. Compassion: _____ to help the needy. Islam teaches that everything we have comes from God. That money is to be used for causes such as helping the _____ (with food, clothing, medical care), freeing people held in _____ (remember, the Qur'an was written about 1400 years ago), and helping travelers who need help to return _____. (Qur'an 9:60)

4. Fasting: Do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset during the holy month of _____. Ramadan commemorates the giving of the _____ to Muhammad by the angel Gabriel. A meal is eaten before _____ and another meal is eaten after _____. Why make fasting **so**



important?

- as a reminder to **focus on things that are important** for your _____ instead of just things that are important to your body
- as a reminder that **some people** _____ much of the time – simply because they are poor – and that we should help them out
- to practice _____ - _____.

5. The Hajj: If at all possible, make the pilgrimage (Hajj) to _____, Saudi Arabia, at least once during your lifetime. Muslims go on the Hajj to Mecca every year. The Ka'bah, the _____ site in Islam, is visited. The Qur'an teaches that Adam (the first man) built the first Ka'bah and that _____ and his son Ishmail rebuilt the Ka'bah. Historians confirm that it has been a site of worship for _____ of years – long before Muhammad was born.

Almost 2 _____ Muslims come to Makkah during the hajj each year. The Hajj is not **just** going to Makkah. Pilgrims visit _____ sacred sites. Different rituals are performed at each site.



Reasons Muslims go on the Hajj:

- to feel _____ **to God** by walking where Mohammad, Abraham, and even Adam lived and walked
- to feel _____ **with Muslims** from around the world
- to ask _____ in a sacred place
- to fulfill the command of the Fifth **Pillar of Islam**

The Five Pillars summarize the _____ important beliefs shared by all Muslims.