

Welcome!

- You will need a sheet of notebook paper and a pencil.
- Today we will focus on the religion of Islam



WHAT IS ISLAM?

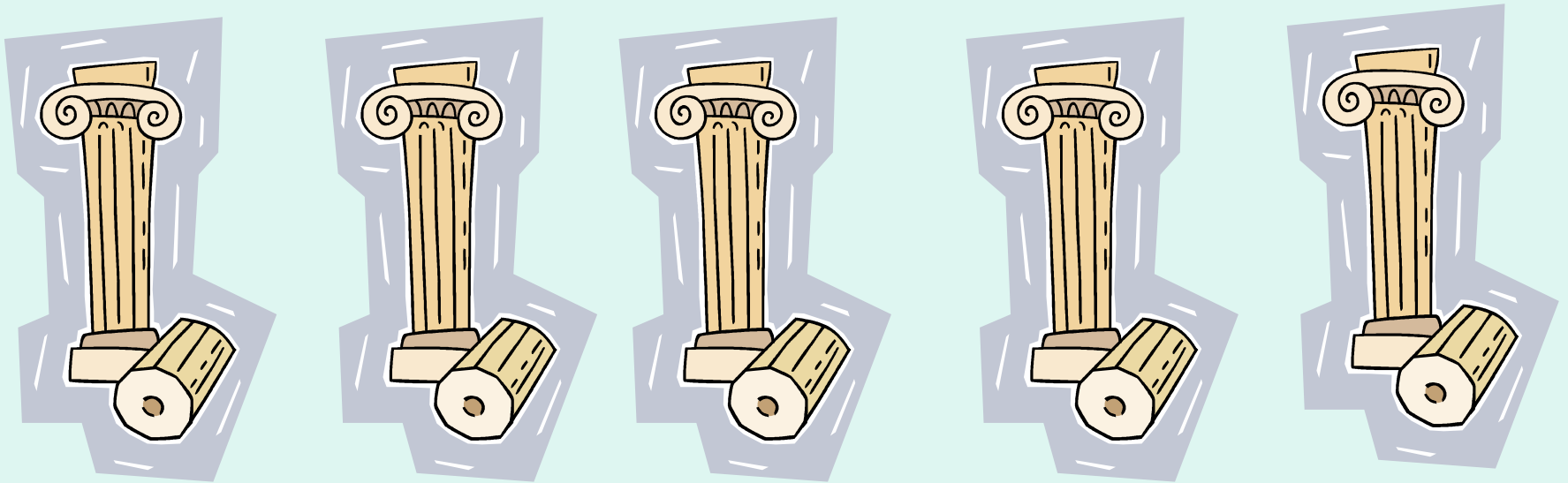
- Islam means “submission to God”
- Islam, like Judaism and Christianity, is an Abrahamic faith
- Muslims (followers of Islam) trace their ancestry to Abraham through his son Ishmael
- Jews trace their ancestry to Abraham through his son Isaac

Did you know...? Muslims, Jews and Christians all worship the same God

- Islam is monotheistic
- Muslims believe Allah is the all-powerful creator of everything
- Islam offers salvation and the hope of an afterlife to those who submit to Allah's will
- There are 1.5 billion Muslims in the world today. It is the second largest religion and the fastest-growing.
- ~~The largest Muslim country in the world today is~~ Indonesia.

The Five Pillars of Islam

We are looking at:
The Five Pillars of Islam



What are the Five Pillars?

Muslim people (who follow Islam) have five duties which are called the Five Pillars of Islam. Every Muslim tries to carry out these five things, and it helps them to feel that they are members of the worldwide Muslim community.

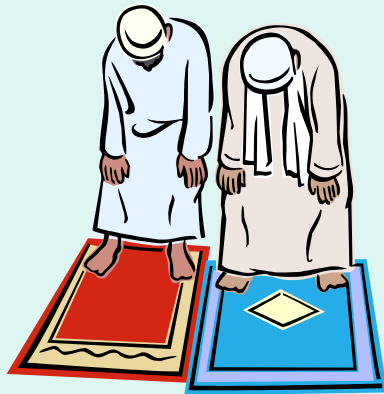


Pillar 1: SHAHADAH

This Pillar is believing and saying the words. "There is no god except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah".

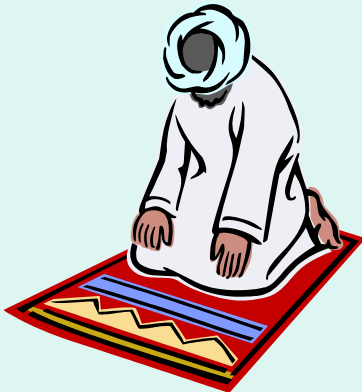
Prophet

Muslims say this when they are praying



Pillar 2: SALAH

This Pillar is praying five times a day. There are set prayers which Muslims should say, and all Muslims should face Mecca in Arabia when praying, and should pray on a prayer mat. People should wash before they pray. There are fixed movements, which include kneeling with the forehead placed on the ground in front. This expresses the servant status of the human being in relation to Allah.



Pillar 3: ZAKAH

Each year, Muslims are supposed to give some of their savings for charity such as helping the poor. In this way, they believe that their wealth is "made pure"



Pillar 4: SAWM

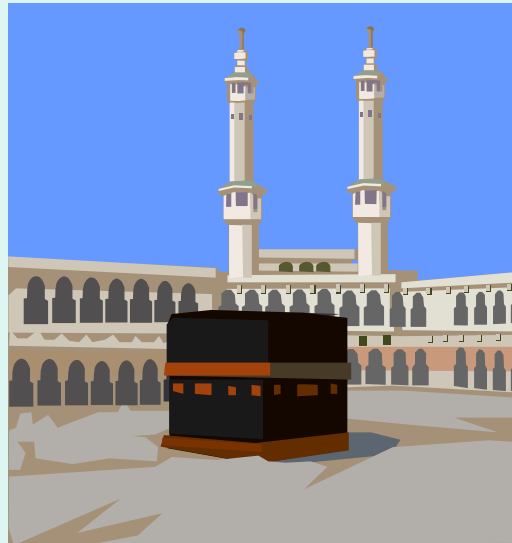
Muslim people must not eat food and drink during the month of Ramadan during daylight hours.



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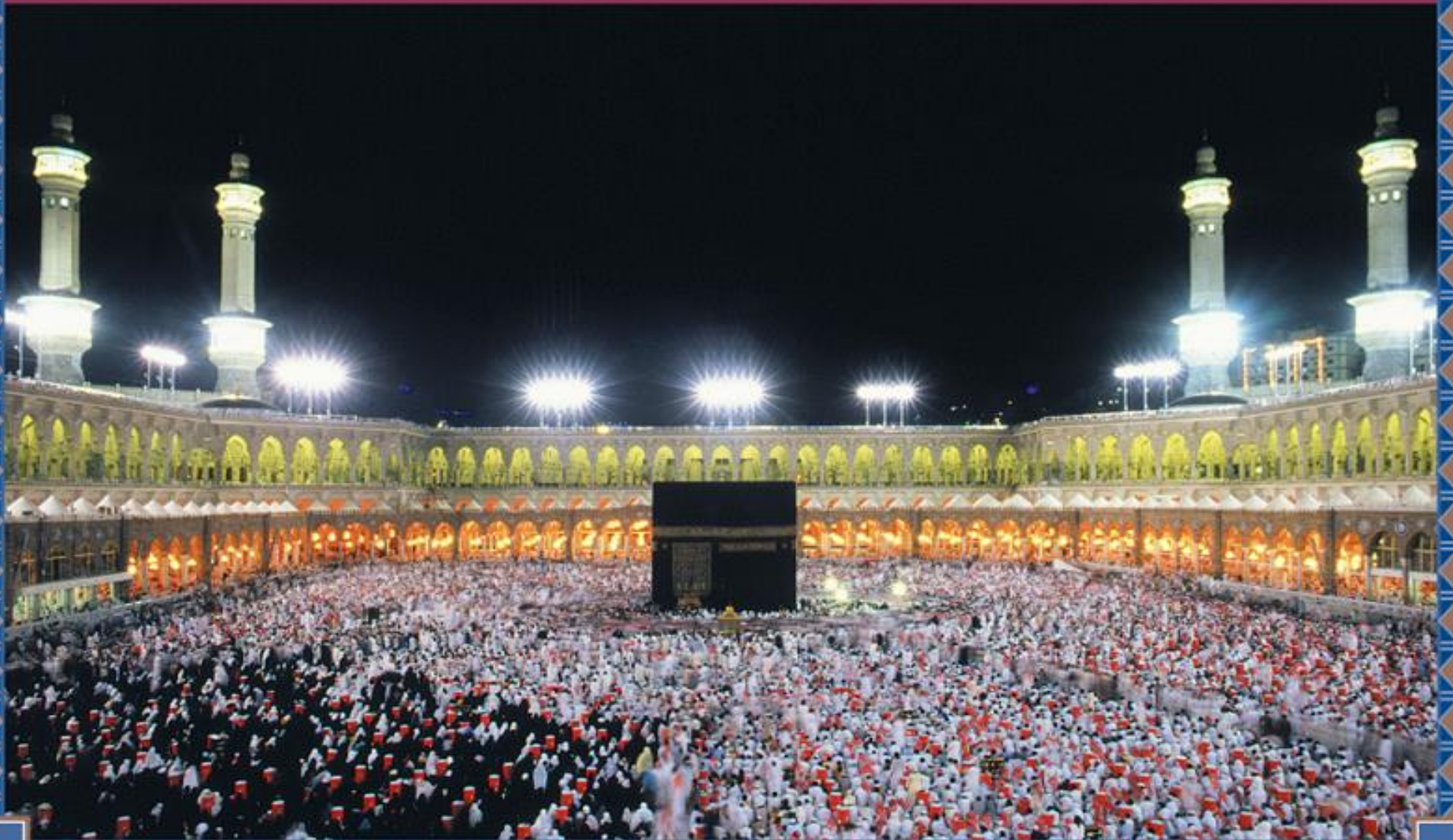
Pillar 5: HAJJ

This is making a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in your life, if it can be afforded.



The Holy City of Mecca pictured below

The World of Islam (600–1500)



Beliefs and Practices of Islam

- There is good and evil in life
- Individuals are responsible for their actions
- The Qur'an
 - The Muslim holy book
- Each person will stand before Allah and be judged



Islam and Christianity

- Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet, but not that he was the son of God/Allah
- Muslims do not believe that Jesus was crucified, therefore **not divine** but that Allah saved him from that fate. It was Judas on the cross, with the face of Jesus.
- Both have holy books:
 - ~ Christianity: Torah/Gospels
 - ~ Islam: Quran
- Both believe in Heaven & Hell

Assignment

- Label your notebook paper:
 - Monotheistic (Abrahamic) Religions
 - Islam, Christianity, Judaism
- Read the paper (Beliefs on the Abrahamic Religions) and answer ?'s 1-4 in complete sentences.
- At the bottom or on the back of your paper, tell me 2 things you have learned about any religion and 2-3 questions you still have.