

6th Religion Blizzard Bag Assignment #3

Hinduism

Hinduism was started in the Indus Valley (India) by the Aryan people

Followers of Hinduism are called Hindus

They believe in many gods, but believe that all of those gods are part of a larger God named Brahman

They believe in ahimsa, or not hurting living things

- **They are often vegetarian**

They believe in reincarnation, or that a person's soul gets reborn into another body when they die

- **They believe there are two main factors that decide what type of body a person will have in reincarnation**

1. Karma – the consequences of a person's actions

2. Dharma – a person's duty on earth

- **When a person has good karma and dharma, they believe they will reach moksha, or the end of the reincarnation cycle**

Buddhism

Buddhism was started in the Indus Valley (India) by Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha)

Followers of Buddhism are called Buddhists

They do not believe in any specific God

The religion was started by Siddhartha Gautama after he left his palace and saw suffering

- He decided to try and answer the questions: “Why do people suffer? How can suffering end?”
 - He believed the answer to those questions was through the 4 Noble Truths:
 1. Life is full of suffering
 2. Suffering comes from desire
 3. Suffering stops when desiring stops
 4. Follow the Eightfold Path

They believe in reincarnation and that a person must follow the 4 Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path to reach the end of reincarnation, called Nirvana

Judaism

- Judaism was started in modern day Israel
- Followers of Judaism are called Jews or Hebrews
- Jews are monotheistic
- They believe Adam and Eve were the first people
- They believe that a man named Abraham had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac
 - They believe Abraham almost killed Isaac as a sacrifice to God
 - They believe they are the descendants of Abraham and Isaac
- They believe that a man named Moses freed the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt and brought the 10 Commandments (religious rules) for them to follow
- Although Abraham is considered the Father of the Religion, many consider Moses to be the founder of the religion
- They believe that they are still waiting on a Messiah, or savior, to come save them
- They have dietary restrictions such as no eating pork and not drinking milk with meat

Christianity

Christianity was started in modern day Israel

Followers of Christianity are called Christians

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They believe that their Messiah, or savior, has already come to earth – they believe this person was Jesus

- They believe Jesus was crucified on a cross and then rose from the dead, or was resurrected, three days later
 - This event is celebrated with the Christian holidays of Good Friday and Easter

Islam

Islam was started in modern day Saudi Arabia, in a town called Mecca

Followers of Islam are called Muslims

Muslims are monotheistic

They believe Adam and Eve were the first people

They believe that a man named Abraham had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac

- They believe Abraham almost killed Ishmael as a sacrifice to God
- They believe they are the descendants of Abraham and Ishmael

They believe God spoke to the prophet Muhammed through the angel Gabriel

- They believe Gabriel told him the will of God, which included the 5 Pillars of Islam (religious rules)
 1. Believe in Allah (God)
 2. Pray 5 times a day
 3. Charity to the elderly and poor
 4. Fast during the holiday of Ramadan
 5. Travel to Mecca

They follow dietary restrictions, such as not eating pork or drinking alcohol

Line 5 Major World Religions

	<u>Judaism</u>	<u>Christianity</u>	<u>Islam</u>	<u>Hinduism</u>	<u>Buddhism</u>
Symbol					
Place of origin					
Polytheistic or Monotheistic					
Name for God					
"Father" of the Religion					
History of Religion					
Place of Worship					
Holy City					
Things they don't eat					
Major Beliefs					