

WHI.8ab in a Nutshell



Islam is a **monotheistic** religion that was started by **Muhammad** on the **Arabian** Peninsula.

Muhammad became a **prophet**, or holy messenger, after he had a vision of the **Angel Gabriel**.

People who practice Islam are called **Muslims**. This means “one who submits to the will of God.”

Muhammad’s teaching conflicted with the **polytheistic** religion of the Bedouins and he was forced to migrate (move) from **Mecca** to **Medina**. This is known as the **hijrah** and marks year one of the Muslim calendar.

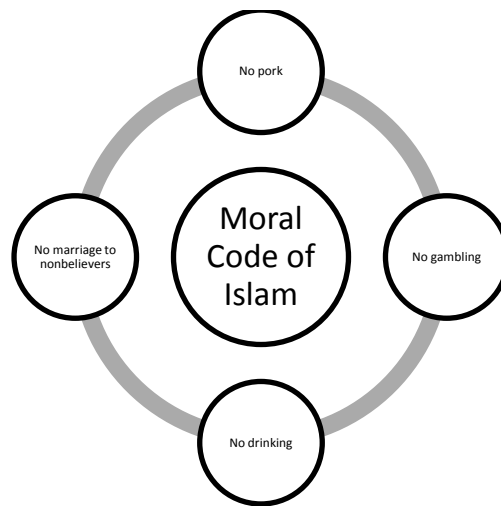
The holy book of Islam is called the **Qur’an**. It is also spelled **Koran**. It is written in the **Arabic** language.

Muslims are monotheistic, which means they worship **one god**. They call their god **Allah**.

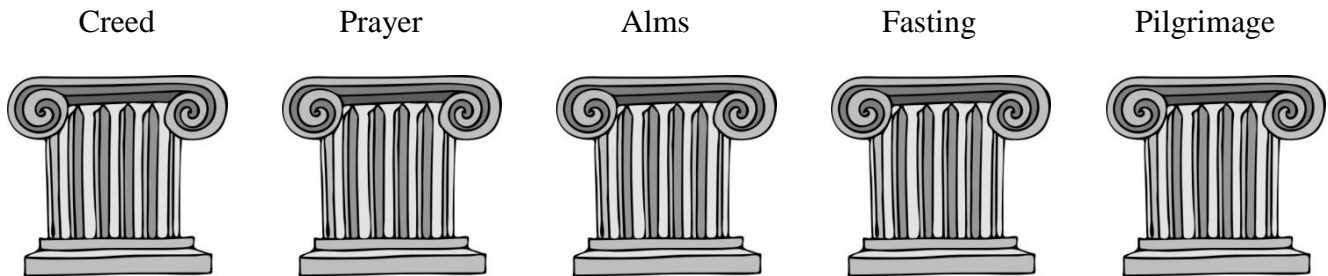
Muslims believe that Islam completes the teachings of **Judaism** and **Christianity**. In addition to Muhammad, they recognize **Abraham**, **Moses**, and **Jesus** as prophets.

Muslims do not have priests. They believe that you can communicate with God through **prayer**. They do have specially trained men who help lead prayers in a **mosque**, the Muslim house of worship. These men are called **Imams**.

Islam has 3 important cities. **Mecca** because it is where the Ka’aba is located. **Medina** because it is where Muhammad fled during the Hijrah. **Jerusalem** because it is where the Dome of the Rock is located.



The Five Pillars of Islam




According to Islam, you must follow the **Qur'an**, **moral code**, and **Five Pillars** to get to heaven.

Islam was spread by Muhammad and his followers through **conquest** and **trade**.

Shade the areas on the map where Islam was spread to:



 The Spread of Islam. The rapid spread of Islam created within a century a unified cultural and economic zone from India to the Atlantic Ocean within.