

**MONTHEISTIC RELIGIONS**

**Unit Essential Question:** How do religious values shape cultural interaction, cultural exchange, and potentially cause conflict?

1. **Allah:** In Islamic faith, the one and only God, creator and sustainer of the universe.
2. **Bible:** Central religious text of Christianity.
3. **Caliph:** Successor to Muhammad as political and religious leader of the Muslims.
4. **Christianity:** Worldwide monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of the prophet Jesus.
5. **Covenant:** A binding agreement.
6. **Diaspora:** The dispersal of the Jews from their homeland in Palestine- especially during the period of more than 1,800 years that followed the Romans’ destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE.
7. **Five Pillars:** Religious duties that must be carried out by every able-bodied Muslim who can afford to do so at least once in his or her lifetime.
8. **Golden Rule:** In the teachings of Jesus Nazareth, one should treat others, as one would like others to treat oneself.
9. **Hajj:** The largest regularly occurring pilgrimage in the world, and is one of the five pillars of Islam.
10. **Heresy:** Religious belief that is contrary to the official teachings of the Church.
11. **Hijra:** The migration or journey of the Islamic prophet Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina.
12. **Islam:** Monotheistic; second largest world religion.
13. **Jihad:** Religious duty of Muslims. In Arabic it translates to “struggle.”
14. **Judaism:** Worldwide monotheistic religion.
15. **Koran (Qu’ran):** Central religious text of Islam.
16. **Martyr:** Somebody who suffers persecution and death for refusing to renounce, or accept, a belief or cause, usually religious.
17. **Messiah:** Savor or liberator of a people in the Jewish, Christian or Islamic faiths.
18. **Mosque:** A place of worship for followers of Islam.
19. **Muhammad:** Prophet of Islam.
20. **Muslim:** Term for individuals who practice the Islamic Faith.
21. **Pope:** The Bishop of Rome and the leader of the worldwide Catholic Church.
22. **Prophet:** In a religion, an individual who claims to speak the word of god.
23. **Sect:** a group with distinctive religious, political or philosophical beliefs, often an offshoot of a larger religious group.
24. **Ten Commandments:** Set of Biblical laws relating to ethics and worship, which play a fundamental role in Judaism and Christianity.