

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Exploring the Religions of Our World 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed**

Directed Reading Worksheet

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter 4: *Islam*

**Directions:** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run in the same order as the relevant information is presented in the chapter. Multiple words may fit on the same blank. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

***INTRODUCTION: SUBMISSION BRINGS INNER FREEDOM*** (pp. 176–178)

1. Islam is an \_\_\_\_\_ religious tradition and is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ growing religions in the world. It came onto the world scene in the \_\_\_\_\_ century CE. The Arabic word “\_\_\_\_\_” means “surrender” or “\_\_\_\_\_” to God’s will. An \_\_\_\_\_ of Islam is called a \_\_\_\_\_ which means “one who submits.”

2. Explain what it means to say that Muslims believe all creation is Muslim.

3. True or False? Muslims believe that Muhammad restored Islam, he did not found it.

***1. A BRIEF HISTORY OF ISLAM*** (pp. 180–196)

4. In \_\_\_\_\_ CE Muhammad said the angel \_\_\_\_\_ told him to become a messenger of \_\_\_\_\_. Muhammad would continue to receive \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the rest of his life, and he would share these revelations with others. Some of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the revelations are familiar to the beliefs of Jews and Christians; the

revelations commanded listeners to believe in one \_\_\_\_\_, care for the poor and \_\_\_\_\_, and await a final \_\_\_\_\_ for all.

5. True or False? Umar employed military conquest to expand Islam into Persia, Damascus, and Jerusalem.
  
6. True or False? The frequent rivalries and ensuing violence between rival factions of Muslims led to discord that has continued all throughout the Modern Period.
  
7. Explain the differing views that arose between Shi'ah Muslims and Sunni Muslims regarding leadership.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. True or False? As Muslim culture began to spread into a vast empire, the caliphs began to play a more important role in the religious realm than the temporal realm.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. By way of examples, explain why the period between the eighth and thirteenth centuries became thought of as the Golden Age of Islam.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. In \_\_\_\_\_, the remnant Umayyads ruled from \_\_\_\_\_, where they were free to develop religious \_\_\_\_\_ and an Islamic civilization of their own with magnificent palaces, \_\_\_\_\_, and libraries. However, many Muslims fled or were

\_\_\_\_\_ from Spain in the early seventeenth century during the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**11.** True or False? Modern day conflict between Christians and Muslims can, in part, be traced back to the time of the Christian missionaries who tried to reclaim the people and land that had once been Christian.

**12.** Explain the two views of the Islamic reform movements that developed during the Modern Period.

**13.** The \_\_\_\_\_ Empire was defeated in the early \_\_\_\_\_ century after siding with the \_\_\_\_\_ during World War I. Afterwards, a \_\_\_\_\_ movement arose in Turkey, where a secularized \_\_\_\_\_ was established. Also, continued interventions in the region from both the East and the West created a great deal of social and \_\_\_\_\_ bitterness and \_\_\_\_\_ inequality.

**14.** True or False? The founding of the State of Israel in 1948, following World War II, helped to ease tensions in the East.

15. How did extremist Muslims defend their terrorist actions against the West on September 11, 2001?

**2. SACRED STORIES AND SACRED SCRIPTURES** (pp. 198–202)

16. True or False? The most sacred book for Muslims is the Qur'an because it contains the revelations Muhammad received directly from God.

17. What, according to Muslims, makes the Qur'an different from the writings of Judaism and Christianity?

18. When \_\_\_\_\_ allegedly received the revelations, he \_\_\_\_\_ them and passed them on to his \_\_\_\_\_ who later wrote them down. Thus, the word *Qur'an* means “\_\_\_\_\_.” These revelations, which Muslims refer to as “\_\_\_\_\_,” were received in \_\_\_\_\_ and Medina.

19. Explain the difference between the Sunnah and the Hadith.

**3. BELIEFS AND PRACTICES** (pp. 204–213)

**20.** What is the English translation of the Arabic words recited by Muslims daily?

**21.** List the four key beliefs of Muslims.

**22.** True or False? Muslims believe that the Judeo-Christian prophets were Muslims because they submitted to God's will, but Abraham is the most important prophet of all.

**23.** Using the English terms, list the Five Pillars of Islam and briefly explain each.

**24.** True or False? Though Fridays are not understood as the equivalent of a Sabbath, it is a special day of prayer for Muslims.

**25.** True or False? Abraham and Ishmael rebuilt the Ka'bah once built by Noah to worship God.

**26.** True or False? To become a Muslim, one simply has to recite the Hadith.

27. What is “shari’ah?”

**4. SACRED TIME** (pp. 214–216)

28. Eid al-Fitr, the “breaking of the \_\_\_\_\_,” marks the end of \_\_\_\_\_ and is the most important festivals in \_\_\_\_\_. Eid al-Adha, the festival of \_\_\_\_\_, is second only to Ramadan and is celebrated at the end of the \_\_\_\_\_. It commemorates \_\_\_\_\_ willingness to sacrifice his son \_\_\_\_\_.

29. True or False? The feast of Ashura commemorates the day God freed the Hebrews from the Egyptians.

**5. SACRED PLACES AND SACRED SPACES** (pp. 218–222)

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the place of public worship for Muslims. The word means “place of \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer” and is used for both private or communal \_\_\_\_\_, weddings, and meetings. It is typically built in the form of a \_\_\_\_\_ and is highlighted by a \_\_\_\_\_, a tower where the \_\_\_\_\_ proclaims the call to prayer.

**31.** Explain the important of Mecca and Medina for Muslims.

**32.** Explain why the city of Jerusalem is holy for Muslims.

**6. CATHOLICS DIALOGUE WITH MUSLIMS** (pp. 224–226)

**33.** List the numerous similarities between Catholics and Muslims according to the Second Vatican Council.

**34.** Muslims do not accept the central \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian faith, the doctrine of the \_\_\_\_\_. Further, while Catholics believe Jesus is both divine and \_\_\_\_\_, Muslims do not acknowledge his \_\_\_\_\_ but hold that he was a prophet, second only to \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, while they believe Jesus was born of the \_\_\_\_\_, they do not believe Jesus was crucified because God would not let the \_\_\_\_\_ happen.