

Religions of the Ancient Middle East—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

CHAPTER SUMMARY

	Judaism	Christianity	Islam
Land of Origin	Canaan	_____	_____
Founder	_____ (around 2000 BC)	_____ (about AD 0– about AD 30)	_____ (about AD 570–632)
Basic Beliefs	There is only one god. God loves and protects his people; people must love and worship _____; God holds people accountable for _____.	There is only one god. Jesus is the _____ of God. Jesus’ death and _____ made salvation possible.	There is only one god, and Muhammad is his _____. Salvation comes to those who follow the Five _____: faith, prayers, charity, fasting, hajj.
Texts	Hebrew _____ (including the _____), Talmud	Christian _____ (_____ and _____ Testaments)	_____, _____, Shariah

COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING

Complete the graphic organizer above, then use information from the graphic organizer to answer the following questions.

- 1. Interpret** What religious practices of Jews, Christians, and Muslims commemorate significant events in the history of each religion?

- 2. Distinguish Fact and Opinion** Is the dispute between Sunni and Shia Muslims based on a disagreement about a fact or an opinion? Explain.

- 3. Understand Cause and Effect** How did empire-building and imperial rule affect the spread of each of these three religions?
