

World Religions Brochure

Task: Create a brochure over the major world religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism). On each panel, you will describe the religion's founder, population/location, sacred text, major beliefs, and place of worship. You will use the websites below to find the information. Write your answers in complete sentences, and color your brochure once you are finished. A rubric is attached at the bottom.

Brochure Directions:

1. Orient an 8 ½ X 14 sheet of paper horizontally.
2. Fold the left side 1/3 of the way, just past the center.
3. Fold the right side 1/3 of the way, just past the center.
4. Ensure that both sides are equal.
5. Flatten the edges to create creases.
6. Unfold your paper.
7. You will have six panels in total.

Follow the directions below to complete your brochure:

Panel 1: Cover Page

- 1) Title the brochure, "Major World Religions."
- 2) Draw and color a symbol for each of the major religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism). (For example, Star of David for Judaism)


Panel 2: Judaism

- 1) Title the page, "Judaism."
- 2) Draw or trace a small symbol for Judaism below your title.
- 3) Write the name of each section below, and then use the website to answer the questions.

Go to: <https://www.history.com/topics/religion/judaism>

Example:

Judaism
Founder Who is the founder?
Population & Location What is the worldwide population? Where do most Jewish people live?
Sacred Text What is the Jewish sacred text called?
Major Beliefs What does the Torah outline for the Jews? Is the religion monotheistic or polytheistic?
Place of Worship Where do Jewish people worship?

Judaism 
Founder Abraham was the founder of Judaism.
Population & Location There are 14 million Jews in the world, and most of the live in the United States and Israel.
Sacred Text The Jewish sacred text is called the Tanakh or the "Hebrew Bible"
Major Beliefs
Place of Worship

Panel 3: Christianity

- 1) Title the page, "Christianity."
- 2) Draw or trace a small symbol for Christianity below your title.
- 3) Write the name of each section below, and then use the website to answer the questions.

Go to: <https://www.history.com/topics/religion/history-of-christianity>

Christianity
<u>Founder</u> Who was an important missionary that spread Christianity?
<u>Population & Location</u> How many people practice Christianity? Where was the first Christian church located?
<u>Sacred Text</u> What text includes important scriptures that outline Jesus' teachings?
<u>Major Beliefs</u> What is the main Christian belief? Is the religion monotheistic or polytheistic?
<u>Place of Worship</u> Where do Christians worship ?

Panel 4: Islam

- 1) Title the page, "Islam."
- 2) Draw or trace a small symbol for Islam below your title.
- 3) Write the name of each section below, and then use the website to answer the questions.

Go to: <https://www.history.com/topics/religion/islam>

Islam
<u>Founder</u> Who founded the religion of Islam?
<u>Population & Location</u> How many people practice Islam? Where did Islam begin?
<u>Sacred Text</u> What is the major holy text of Islam?
<u>Major Beliefs</u> Summarize the Five Pillars of Islam. Is the religion monotheistic or polytheistic?

Place of Worship

Where do Muslims worship?

Panel 5: Hinduism

- 1) Title the page, "Hinduism."
- 2) Draw or trace a small symbol for Hinduism below your title.
- 3) Write the name of each section below, and then use the website to answer the questions.

Go to: <https://www.history.com/topics/religion/hinduism>

Hinduism

Founder

Why is it difficult to trace the origins and history of Hinduism?

Population & Location

How many people practice Hinduism? Where do the majority of the world's Hindu population live?

Sacred Text

What are the primary Hindu texts?

Major Beliefs

What single deity do most forms of Hinduism worship? What are the beliefs in samsara and karma? What animal do Hindus consider sacred?

Place of Worship

Where do Hindus typically worship?

Panel 6: Buddhism

- 1) Title the page "Buddhism."
- 2) Draw or trace a small symbol for Buddhism below your title.
- 3) Write the name of each section below, and then use the website to answer the questions.

Go to: <https://www.history.com/topics/religion/buddhism>

Buddhism

Founder

Who is the founder of Buddhism religion?

Population & Location

How many people follow Buddhism? Where did Buddhism begin?

<p><u>Sacred Text</u> What are the three most important Buddhist sacred texts?</p>
<p><u>Major Beliefs</u> What are the five important virtues of Buddhism? Why is Buddhism neither monotheistic or polytheistic?</p>
<p><u>Place of Worship</u> Where do followers of Buddhism worship?</p>

World Religions Brochure Rubric _____/100

CATEGORY	4 (25 points)	3 (20 points)	2 (15 points)	1 (10 points)
Facts (25 points)	All facts in the brochure are accurate.	99-90% of the facts in the brochure are accurate.	89-80% of the facts in the brochure are accurate.	Fewer than 80% of the facts in the brochure are accurate.
Time Use (25 points)	Classroom time was used to work on the brochure. Conversations were not disruptive and focused on the work.	Classroom time was used to work on the brochure the majority of the time. Conversations were not disruptive and focused on the work.	Classroom time was used to work on the brochure the majority of the time, but conversations often were disruptive or did not focus on the work.	The student did not use classroom time to work on the brochure and/or was highly disruptive.
Requirements (25 points)	All of the required content was present.	Almost all the required content was present.	At least 75% of the required content was present.	Less than 75% of the required content was present.
Appearance/ Organization (25 points)	The brochure has an exceptionally attractive appearance and well-organized information.	The brochure has an attractive appearance and well-organized information.	The brochure has well-organized information.	The brochure's appearance and organization of material are confusing to the reader.

Brochure Answer Key

Judaism
<u>Founder</u> Who is the founder? Abraham
<u>Population & Location</u> What is the worldwide population? Where do most Jewish people live? 14 million; The United States and Israel
<u>Sacred Text</u> What is the Jewish sacred text called? Tanakh or the "Hebrew Bible"
<u>Major Beliefs</u> What does the Torah outline for the Jews? Is the religion monotheistic or polytheistic? Laws; Monotheistic
<u>Place of Worship</u> Where do Jewish people worship? Synagogues

Christianity
<u>Founder</u> Who was an important missionary that spread Christianity? Paul
<u>Population & Location</u> How many people practice Christianity? Where was the first Christian church located? 2 billion; Jerusalem
<u>Sacred Text</u> What text includes important scriptures that outline Jesus' teachings? Holy Bible
<u>Major Beliefs</u> What is the main Christian belief? Is the religion monotheistic or polytheistic?

Belief in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the religion is monotheistic.

Place of Worship

Where do Christians [worship](#)?

Church, chapel, or cathedral

Islam

Founder

Who founded the religion of Islam?

Muhammad

Population & Location

How many people practice Islam? Where did Islam begin?

1.8 billion; Mecca

Sacred Text

What is the major holy text of Islam?

The Quran

Major Beliefs

Summarize the Five Pillars of Islam. Is the religion monotheistic or polytheistic?

Belief in Muhammad, pray five times a day, give to those in need, fast during Ramadan, and to make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during your life if you are able. Islam is monotheistic.

Place of Worship

Where do Muslims worship?

Mosques

Hinduism

Founder

Why is it difficult to trace the origins and history of Hinduism?

Hinduism has no specific founder.

Population & Location

How many people practice Hinduism? Where do the majority of the world's Hindu population live?

900 million; India

Sacred Text

What are the primary Hindu texts?

Vedas

Major Beliefs

What single deity do most forms of Hinduism worship? What are the beliefs in samsara and karma? What animal do Hindus consider sacred?

Brahman; Samara- a continuous cycle of life, death, and reincarnation. Karma- the universal law of cause and effect; Cow

Place of Worship

Where do Hindus typically worship?

Mandir temple

Buddhism

Founder

Who is the founder of Buddhism religion?

Siddhartha Gautama "The Buddha"

Population & Location

How many people follow Buddhism? Where did Buddhism begin?

470 million; India

Sacred Text

What are the three most important Buddhist sacred texts?

Tipitaka, Sutras, & The Book of the Dead

Major Beliefs

What are the five important virtues of Buddhism? Why is Buddhism neither monotheistic or polytheistic?

The five important virtues of Buddhism Wisdom, kindness, patience, generosity, and compassion; followers don't acknowledge a supreme god or deity.

Place of Worship

Where do followers of Buddhism worship?

Followers worship in temples or their own homes.