

Comparing Religions Answers

Research the significant features of the six main religions of the world and use the table below to record your research.

	Christianity	Judaism	Islam	Hinduism	Buddhism	Sikhism
Special Book	Bible	Torah	Qu'ran	Rig Veda, Sama Veda Yajur Veda, Atharva Veda	Tripitaka	Guru Granth Sahib
Important Figures	Jesus Christ, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph, the 12 disciples	God (Jehovah) Abraham, Moses, King David	God (Allah) Abraham, Moses Muhammad	There are many Hindu gods and goddesses including: Brahman, Shiva, Vishnu	Buddha	Guru Nanak
Place of Worship	Church	Synagogue	Mosque	Mandir	Buddhist temple	Gurdwara
Significant Beliefs	There is only one god. Jesus is the son of God and was crucified on a cross and then rose from the dead before ascending to heaven. Through believing in Jesus' resurrection, and following the teachings of Jesus about loving their neighbour, they will have eternal life with God in Heaven.	There is only one god. The Jews are God's chosen people. The Torah tells them how they should live and that actions are more important than beliefs.	Allah is the only god and Muhammed is his Prophet. To be a Muslim, believers must recite a statement of faith called Shahada. On the day of judgement, humanity will be divided between Paradise and Hell.	Brahman is the supreme god and is found in everything and in many different forms. Hindus believe in Karma - life is a cycle of birth, death and rebirth. The reincarnation of someone's soul in the next life depends on how they lived their previous life.	The Buddha is not a god. He searched for truth and enlightenment. Buddhists follow his teachings by refraining from: harming living things, stealing, sexual misconduct, lying or gossiping, drinking or taking drugs.	There is only one god who cannot be seen. He created the universe and so everything is part of God. Sikhs are always trying to become one with God by avoiding pride, anger, greed, attachment and lust (bad karma).
Other Information	Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter	Rosh Hashanah – The Jewish New Year Hanukkah – Festival of Lights	Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Ad-Adha	Diwali Festival of Lights, Holi, Navaratri, Raksha Bandhan, Janmashtami	Wesak (Buddha Day)	Holla Mohalla Vaisakhi

Choose two of the religions and write a short explanation about their similarities and differences.

Similarities between _____ and _____

Pupil's own comparisons

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