

World Religions hw

Using the chart on the back, answer the following questions.

1. Which religion has the most followers today?
2. What does the word “deity” on the chart mean? (Google it if you do not know)
3. How are Buddhism and Hinduism similar?
4. List the sacred text for each:
Buddhism-
Christianity-
Hinduism-
Islam-
Judaism-
5. List the founder for each:
Buddhism-
Christianity-
Hinduism-
Islam-
Judaism-
6. Which of these religions is monotheistic (look up this word if you don’t know it)? (hint—more than 1)
7. What are the Five Pillars of Islam?
8. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are related (we will discuss how later this year). List the order in which these 3 were created. (Google it if you don’t know)

	Buddhism 	Christianity 	Hinduism 	Islam 	Judaism 
Followers Worldwide (estimated 2001 figures)	362 million	2 billion	820 million	1.2 billion	14.5 million
Name of Deity	The Buddha did not teach a personal deity.	God	Three main gods: Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva	God (Allah)	God (Yahweh)
Founder	The Buddha	Jesus Christ	No one founder	Muhammad	Abraham
Holy Book	No one book—sacred texts, including the <i>Dhammapada</i>	Bible	No one book—sacred texts, including the Vedas, the Puranas	Qur'an	Hebrew Bible, including the Torah
Leadership	Buddhist monks and nuns	Priests, ministers, monks, and nuns	Guru, holy man, Brahmin priest	No clergy but a scholar class called the ulama and the imam, who may lead prayers	Rabbis
Basic Beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons achieve complete peace and happiness (nirvana) by eliminating their attachment to worldly things. • Nirvana is reached by following the Noble Eightfold Path: Right views; Right resolve; Right speech; Right conduct; Right livelihood; Right effort; Right mindfulness; Right concentration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is only one God, who watches over and cares for his people. • Jesus Christ was the son of God. He died to save humanity from sin. His death and resurrection made eternal life possible for others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The soul never dies, but is continually reborn. • Persons achieve happiness and enlightenment after they free themselves from their earthly desires. • Freedom from earthly desires comes from a life-time of worship, knowledge, and virtuous acts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons achieve salvation by following the Five Pillars of Islam and living a just life. These pillars are: faith; prayer; almsgiving, or charity to the poor; fasting, which Muslims perform during Ramadan; pilgrimage to Mecca. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is only one God, who watches over and cares for his people. • God loves and protects his people, but also holds people accountable for their sins and shortcomings. • Persons serve God by studying the Torah and living by its teachings.