



# **HOMework**

**Complete Illustrative and  
Annotated “Before and  
After” diagram on Saudi  
Arabia**



# CRCT PREP





1. Today, the Persian Gulf region is one of the most productive oil-producing regions in the world. Oil production has brought great wealth to the area. However, the development of the oil industry has also caused problems.

In which way can oil production have a negative impact on a country's economy?

- A. It could limit a country's ability to trade.
- B. It could hold back industrialization in a country.
- C. It could create a shortage of jobs for citizens.
- D. It could damage a country's other resources.

2. What happens to the price of oil when OPEC countries decide to reduce production of oil?

a.prices rise

b.prices drop

c.prices stay the same

d.oil stops being sold

3. What three major religions have their origins in the Middle East?

a.Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism

b.Buddhism, Shintoism, Hinduism

c.Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism

d. Judaism, Christianity, Islam

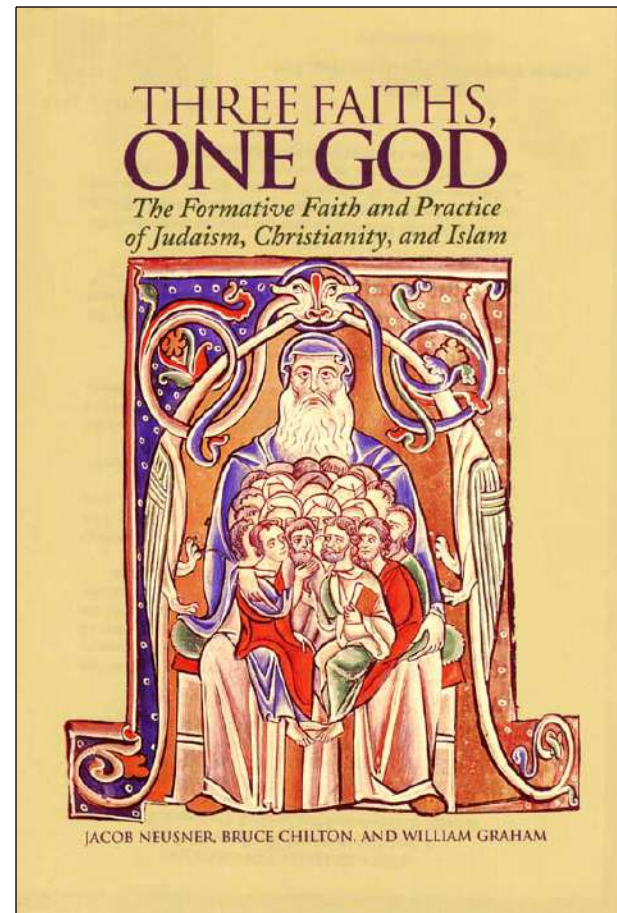
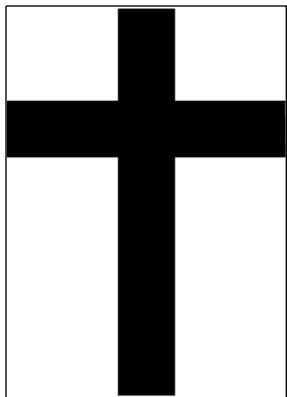
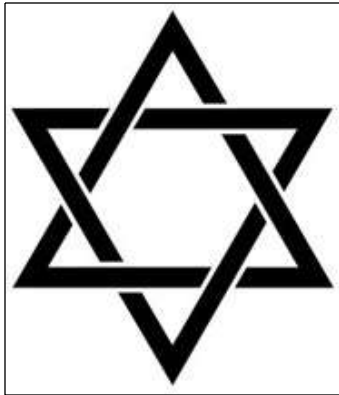


# Middle East






# The Middle East: Land of 3 Faiths







The Middle East is the Origin  
of 3 of the World's Largest  
Faiths

- Judaism (started circa 2000 BCE)

- Christianity (started circa 1 CE)

- Islam (started circa 500 CE)



# The 3 Faiths Have Some Things in Common...



- All believe Abraham was their original ancestor
- All are monotheistic and believe in the same God
- All share certain parts of their history and religious writings



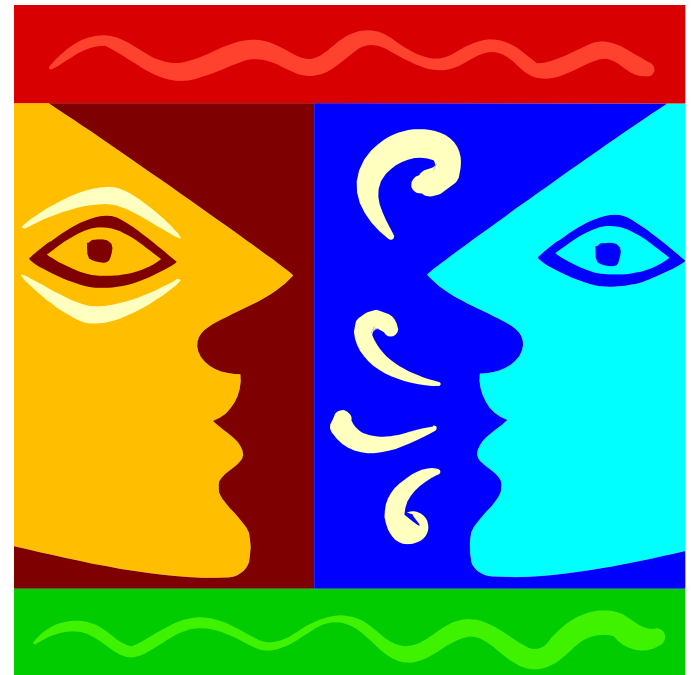
# Key Ways They Are Different:

- Both Judaism and Christianity developed through Abraham's son Isaac and the Jews
- Islam developed through Abraham's son Ishmael and the Arabs
- Judaism is based on race, whereas Christianity and Islam are based on choice
- Christianity and Islam seek to convert



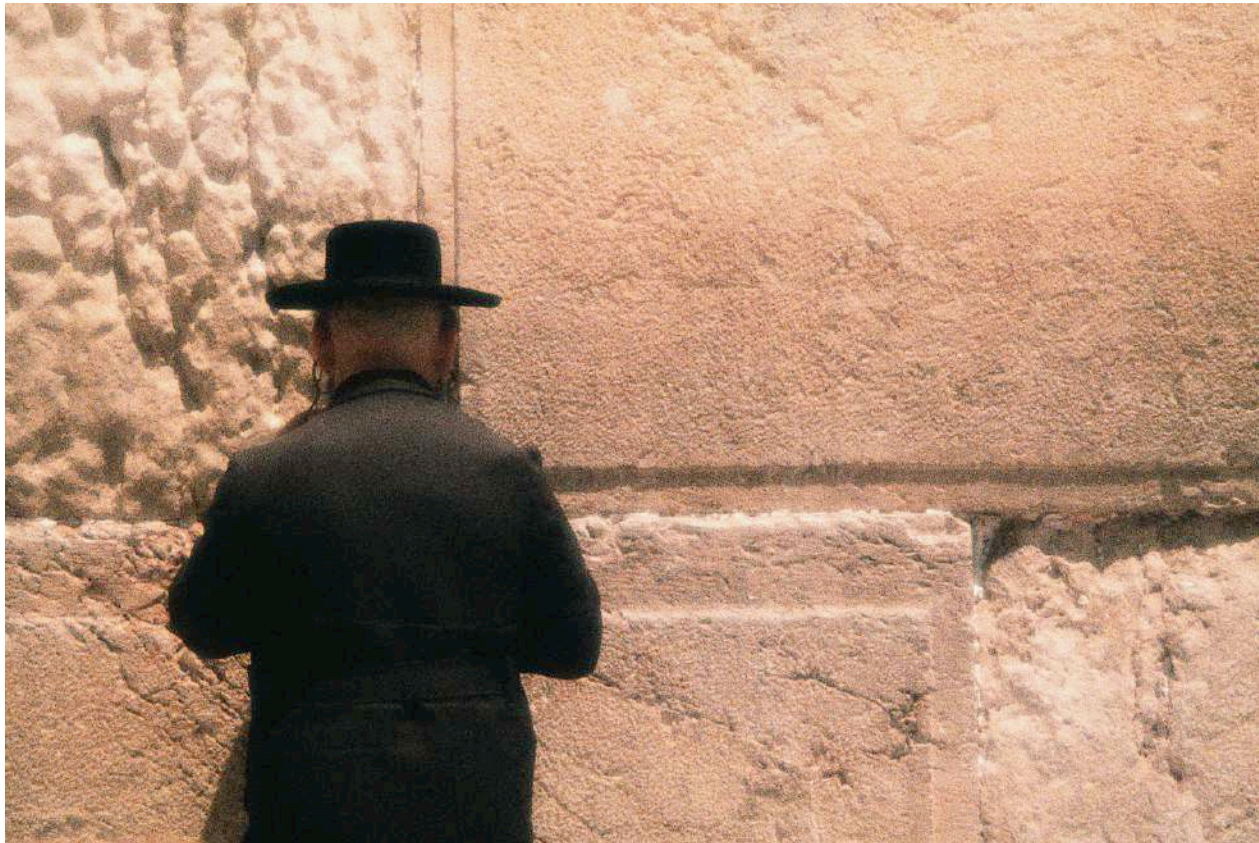
# Discussion Questions

- What are some ways that Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are alike?
- What are some ways that Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are different?
- Which came first? Second? Third?






# Details of Judaism







# Judaism

- ***The oldest of the three faiths***
- Developed among the Hebrews in the Fertile Crescent
- Hebrew writings are the basis for the Bible
- Founded by a shepherd named Abraham



# The Exodus

- Abraham's descendants were forced into Egypt, where the Egyptians made them slaves
- The story goes that a man named Moses came and led them out of Egypt
- ***The Jewish escape from slavery in Egypt is called the Exodus***





# Moses

- ***During the Exodus, Moses brought basic laws to his people called the Ten Commandments***

- These laws stressed the importance of worshipping God, honoring your parents, and how to live together in peace





# The Torah and Mosaic Law

- ***The five books that contain the teachings of Moses are called the Torah***

- Mosaic Law is the law of Moses and includes the Ten Commandments

- ☐ This guided Hebrews' daily lives



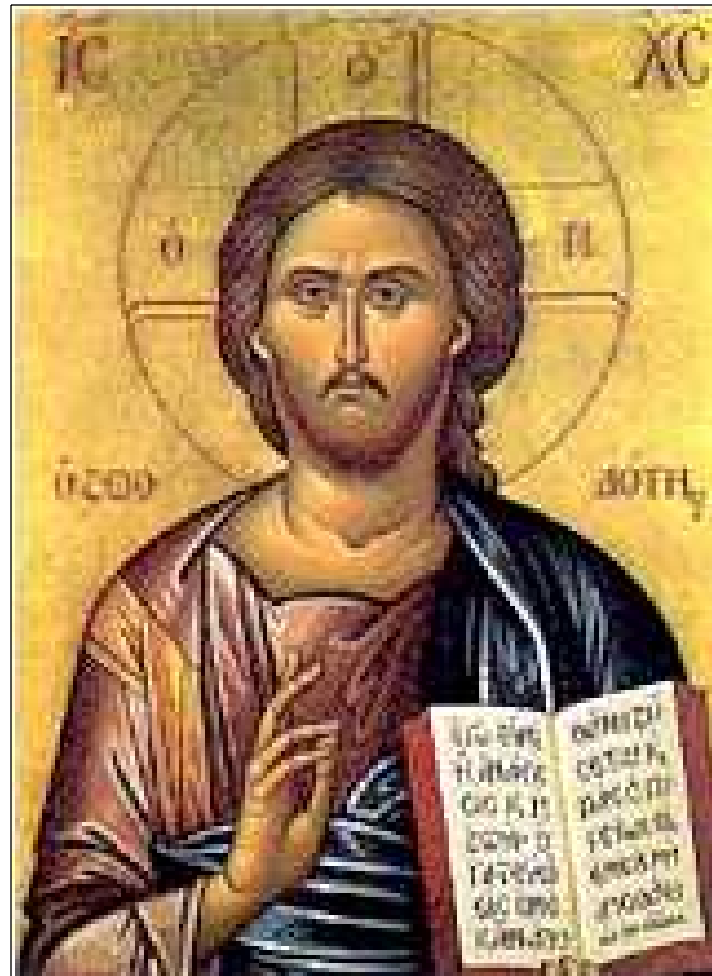
# Discussion Questions

- Who is the key person in Judaic law?
- What is the word used to describe the Jewish escape from Egypt?
- What is the holy book of Judaism called?





# Details of Christianity





# Beginnings

- Jesus of Nazareth practiced Judaism
  - He studied the writings of Jewish prophets
  - **A small group of followers, called disciples, helped to spread his message**
- His message drew large crowds



# Death and Resurrection

■ According to the Gospels:

☐ The Romans crucified Jesus

☐ ***He rose from the dead three days later. This is called the Resurrection.***

☐ He was called Jesus Christ by his disciples

■ ***Christos is the Greek word for Messiah***



# Spreading the Word

- Saul of Tarsus, also called Paul, preached the message to non-Jews

- His letters make up part of the New Testament

- ☐ ***This tells the stories of Jesus, his followers, and later Christian ideas***





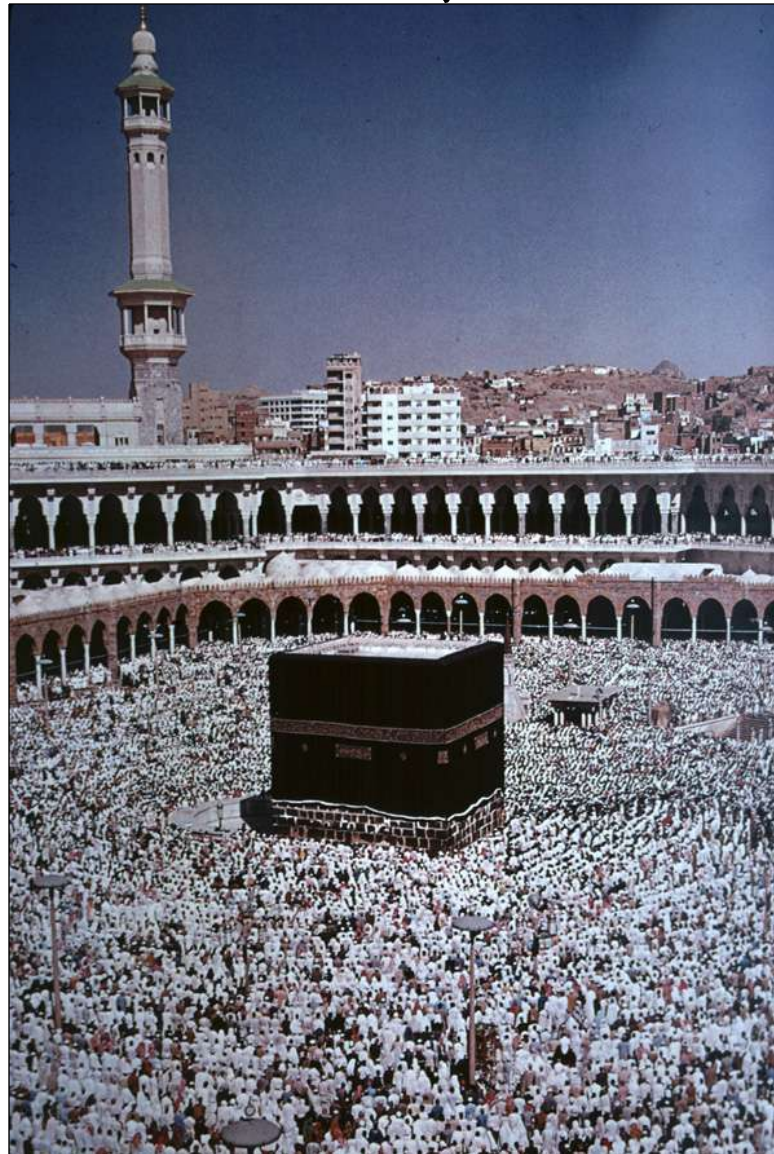
# Discussion Questions



- In what ethnic group and religion did Jesus belong to during his life?
- Which disciple is given the most credit for spreading Christianity?
- What is the Holy book of Christ called?



# Details of Islam





# Beginnings

- ***Islam, the third of the three faiths, is also monotheistic***
- Muhammad founded the religion in Mecca, in Saudi Arabia
  - Followers are called muslims
- He received messages from "Allah", the Islamic word for God, for 22 years
  - ***His followers put these down in the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam***



# The Spread of Islam

- Like Christianity, Islam has been spread throughout the world, often through trade
- Today both Christianity and Islam can be found all over the world, in all ethnic groups and cultures



# Islam Divided

- Like Judaism and Christianity, several groups of Muslims separated from the foundations of Islam.
- Two important divisions (sects) are the Shi'a and the Sunni sects. The difference between these two divisions is their contrasting beliefs about who should have succeeded Muhammad. The Shi'a believe that a family member should have been appointed to succeed Muhammad. The Sunni sect believes the successor should have been appointed



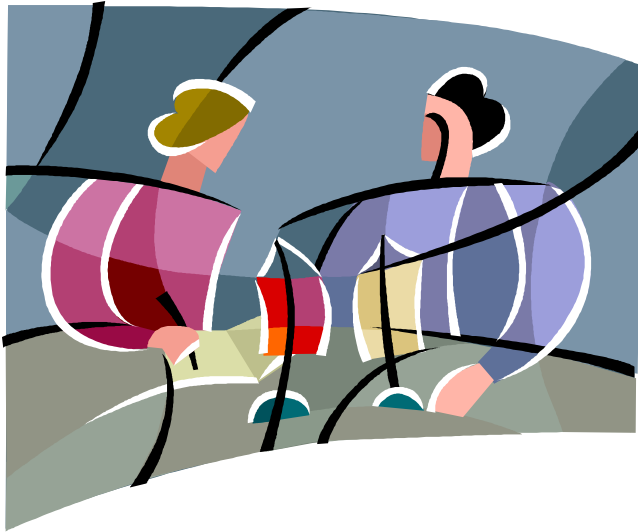
# The Five Pillars

■ ***Muslims are to follow five fundamental requirements, called the 5 Pillars of Islam***

- ☐ Declaration of Faith – proclaiming one is a Muslim
- ☐ Fasting – not eating at certain times
- ☐ Charity – giving to the poor
- ☐ The Pilgrimage to Mecca (the Haj)
- ☐ Prayer – 5 times daily



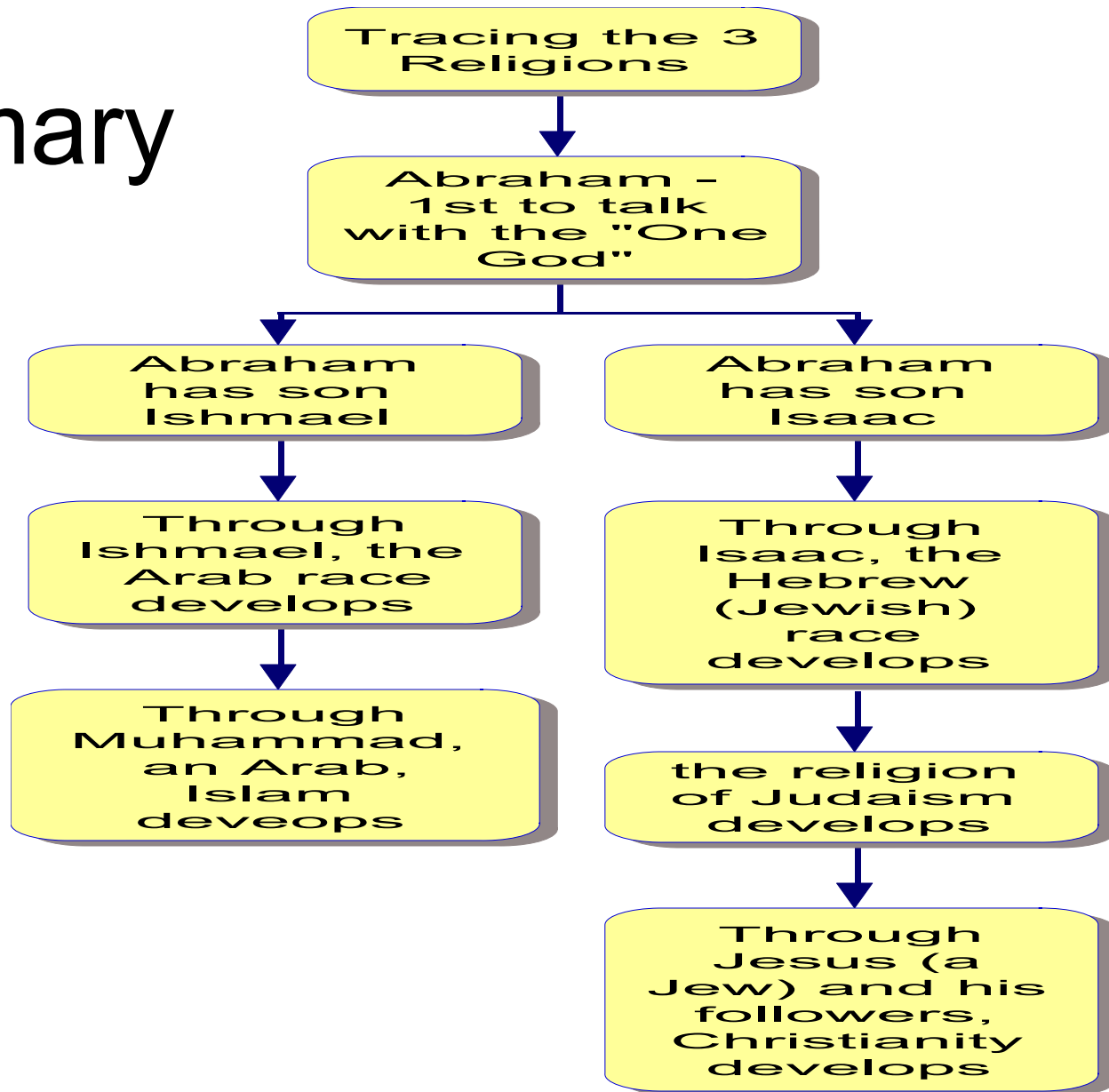
# Discussion Questions



- Who is credited as starting Islam?
- What are the 5 Pillars?
- What is the holy book of Islam called?
- What caused the division between the Sunni and Shi'a Muslims?



# Summary

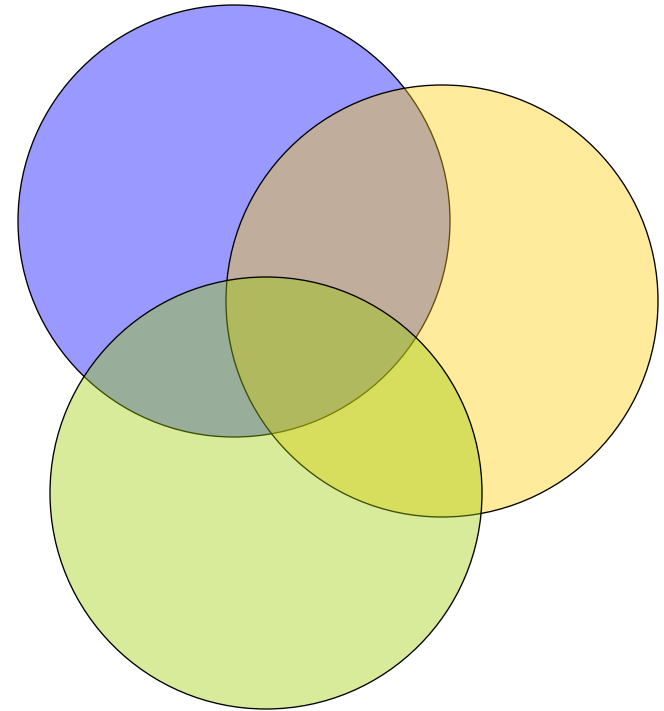




# VENN DIAGRAM ASSIGNMENT

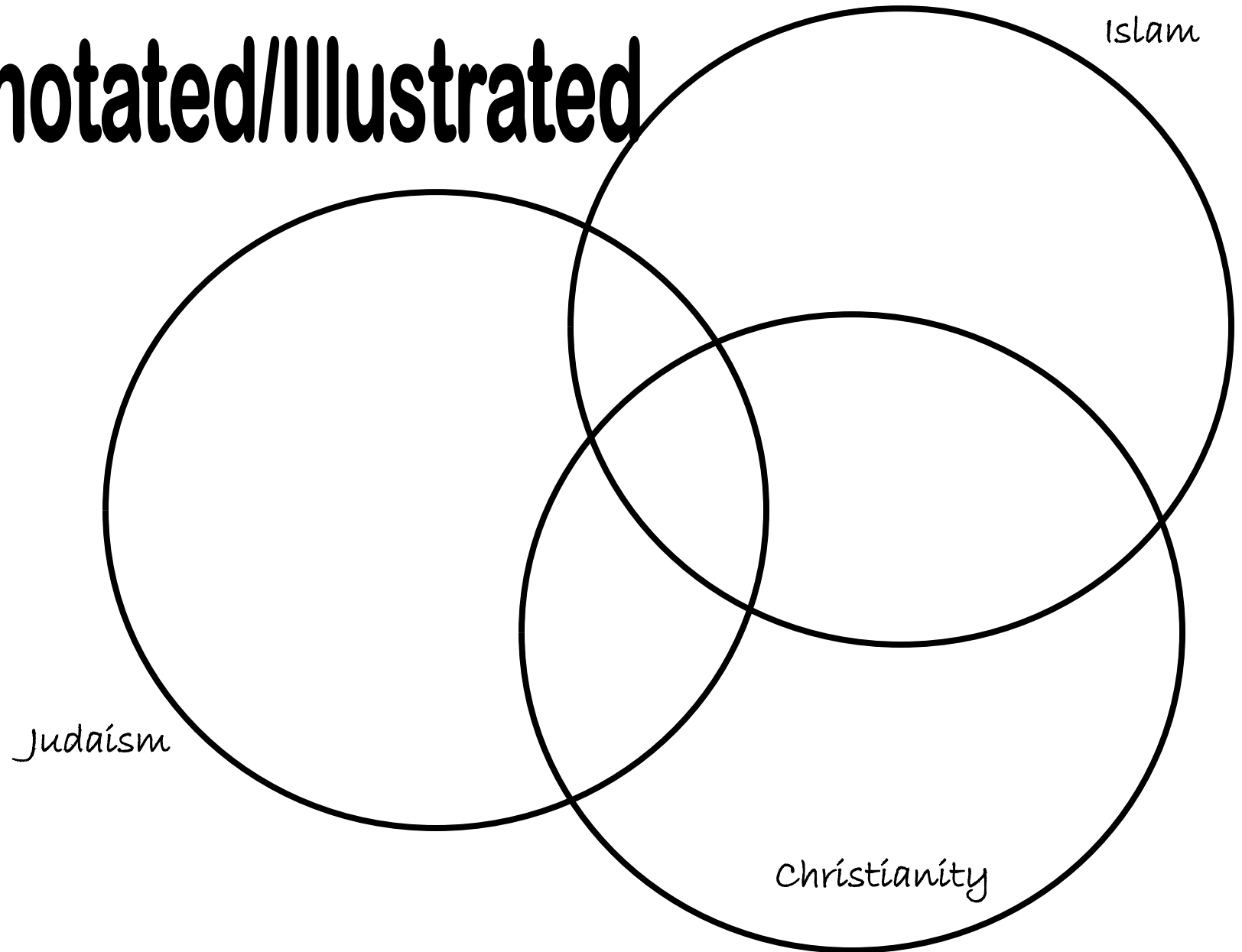
## DIRECTIONS

**Demonstrate your ability to identify similarities and differences between the three monotheistic religions by completing this Venn Diagram. Notice how the circles cross each other. There are things that only 2 of the religions may share. There are things that are distinct to each religion. There are also things that all of the religions share. Think about where you will put the information you learned. Placement on the Venn Diagram is essential in demonstrating your understanding.**





# Annotated/Illustrated







# **HOMEWORK**

**Complete Venn Diagram  
over the three  
monotheistic religions  
using class notes. Due  
Tuesday/**



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