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Guide to Islam Webquest



INTRODUCTION

"...there is much that the world can learn from Islam. It is now practiced by one of every four people on Earth." - ABC News

*"The religion of Islam is growing faster than any other religion in the world." –
USA Today*

"At this rate, Islam will surpass Christianity as the world's largest religion by 2023." - Mike Wallace, 60 Minutes

Why study Islam? Religion is more than believing in a god. It is a philosophy and way of life. Religion helps shape a person's view of the world. And currently, Islam is shaping billions of people's world.

The main activity for this Webquest will be to use the Internet to explore Islam and gain a better understanding of the Muslim people. Let's get going!

EVALUATION

You will be learning about one of the major religions of the world so have fun, but also take this seriously. Your answers will prove how hard you worked to explore Islam. This packet will be turned in at the end of class. The more notes you take, the better chance you have to get an A.

Please start with Task 1 and when you have completed your research and answered all of the questions, move ahead to Task 2 and so on.

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IN COMPLETE SENTANCES.



Task #1 – The World's Muslim Population

RESOURCES:

<http://www.islamicpopulation.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/ataglance/glance.shtml>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_by_country

<http://islam.about.com/library/weekly/aa120298.htm>

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is highest estimate for the total number of Muslims that live in the world today?
- 2) List 10 countries who have a Muslim population of 86% or greater.
- 3) What country has the largest Muslim population?
- 4) How many Muslims are there in the United States?

NICE JOB!!! Now that we know about how many Muslims there are in our world and where many of them call home, we can now move ahead to Task 2.



Task # 2: Key Beliefs of Islam

REOURCES:

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/ju stintaylor/2013/07/15/islam-101-2-types-6-beliefs-5-practices-4-helpful-books/>

http://www.religioustolerance.org/isl_intr.htm

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/beliefs/beliefs.shtml>

QUESTIONS:

Summarize each of the key beliefs below in a COMPLETE sentence. 1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

6)

TEACHINGS OF MUHAMMAD

Go to the following website and put 3 of Muhammad's sayings in your own words.

1)

2)

3)



Task #4 - Five Pillars of Faith

RESOURCES:

<http://www.holidays.net/ramadan/pillars.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/practices/fivepillars.shtml>

QUESTIONS:

1) List and explain the 5 Pillars of Faith.



2) Why are they important?

3) Why is cheating on the 5 Pillars impossible?

4) Compare the 5 Pillars with similar activities in other religions.

Task #6 – Fun Facts

You have done a great job researching Islam! Now you and your partner can surf the web to learn more about Islam. Use the links below to make a list of 10 **different** facts about Islam you think are especially interesting. Take this opportunity to learn about other holidays, art, music, medicine – whatever interests you about Islam.

Surfs up!

RESOURCES:

<http://religionfacts.com/islam/index.htm>

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/muslimlife/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/people/features/world_religions/islam.shtml

<http://www.islamicity.com/education/understandingislamandmuslims/>

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html> (Click Islam in the list on the left side)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/muslims/> (Click Major Themes or Frequently Asked Questions)

List 5 interest facts you learned from the websites above. 1)

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CONCLUSION

CONGRATULATIONS! You have just explored and researched one of the major religions of the world. In addition to learning about Islam, you have learned that the Internet can be a valuable research tool. Isn't it amazing?

Way to go!