

Student Handout 2 – Islam Basics

Part I: Vocabulary—*Stop and jot* Write down what you think each of the following words means. Then take notes on the definitions from the PowerPoint.

Word and Pronunciation	What I think it means...	Definition from the PowerPoint
Islam [iss-LAAM]		
Muslim [MOOS-lim]		
Allah [al-LAH]		
Mosque [massk] or masjid [MESS-jid]		
Qur'an [kur-AHN]		

Part II: Five Basic Beliefs of Islam

Muslims believe in:	My notes on the beliefs—extra details, something this reminds me of, etc.
1. One God	
2. The prophets	
3. The justice of God	
4. The Imams (or apostles) of God	
5. The Day of Judgment	

My notes on the ways in which Islam is similar to Judaism and Christianity:

Part III: Five Pillars of Islam

Stop and Jot: What is a pillar? What do you think it means if something is considered a pillar of a religion?

The Five Pillars of Islam: The Five Major _____ of Islam

5 Pillars, the Arabic Words	Explanation	In ONE word, sum up what you think this means
1. <i>shahada</i>	At least once in every Muslim’s life, he or she must sincerely recite aloud “ <i>La ilaha illa Allah wa-Muhammad rasul Allah.</i> ” Translation: “There is no god but God and Muhammad is the prophet of God.”	
2. <i>salat</i>	Muslims must pray five times a day, facing towards Mecca.	
3. <i>zakat</i>	Muslims give alms to the poor, and support the local Mosque by donating a portion of their income.	
4. <i>Sawm</i>	During the <i>Ramadan</i> , the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, all Muslims must not eat during daylight hours, except the very young or sick.	
5. <i>hajj</i>	If possible financially and physically, each Muslim must travel to the city of Mecca once in a lifetime.	

Stop & Jot and Turn & Talk: Appeal of Islam Now what we’ve covered the basic beliefs and duties of Islam, think about would have been appealing to people about Islam during this era. With a partner, list some of the appealing factors: