

Key Vocabulary

Important Facts

**Pilgrimage-** is a journey or search of moral or spiritual significance.

**Hajj** – a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca made by Muslims.

**River Ganges-** a river defined as holy by the Hindus in India.

**Passover (*Pesach*):** a festival commemorating the Exodus of Jewish people from Egypt.

**Shavuot** ("Pentecost" or "Feast of Weeks")

**Sukkot** ("Tabernacles" or "The Festival of Booths")

**Hajj for Muslims**

Every year, millions of Muslims travel from around the world to Saudi Arabia to complete the **Hajj** pilgrimage in the holy city of Mecca.

It is a spiritual pilgrimage that every adult Muslim must perform at least once in their lives. In order to be closer to God, they wear simple clothes, aren't allowed to argue and perform rituals such as throwing stones at pillars to symbolise rejecting evil.



**Jerusalem for Jews**

Jews use to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times in a year during these festivals:

**Passover (*Pesach*):** a festival commemorating the Exodus of Jewish people from Egypt

**Shavuot** celebrates the revelation of the Torah to the Israelites on Mount Sinai.

**Sukkot** commemorates the Israelites' forty years of wandering through the desert on their way to the Promised Land.



**River Ganges for Hindus**

River Ganges is most sacred sites in India because it is believed to have been the home of Lord Shiva. Some Hindus believe that the River Ganges pays its respects to Lord Shiva by the direction in which it flows. Millions of pilgrims visit Varanasi in order to purify themselves by bathing in the River Ganges at sunrise.

**Pilgrimage for some Christians**

The Christians who do go on pilgrimage tend to go to places mentioned in the New Testament in the Bible, especially the Holy Land with saints or miracles. The places most visited are:

- 1) **Holy Lands (Israel / Palestine)** – This is where Jesus lived and died (Bethlehem & Jerusalem)
- 2) **St. Peter's Basilica, Rome**- St. Peter, disciple of Jesus and first Bishop of Rome, was martyred and believed to be buried here.
- 3) **Lourdes, France**- The spring waters that flow from the fountains are believed to bring miraculous healing from God.

Key People and Places	Quiz
<p><b>Christian-</b> a believer in Jesus Christ and God.</p> <p><b>Muslim-</b> a believer in God whom they called Allah and his messenger Prophet Muhammed.</p> <p><b>Hindu-</b> is a follower of the religion Hinduism. It has been defined as a set of religious beliefs, and "a way of life".</p> <p><b>Jewish-</b> is a follower of the religion 'Judaism', Jews believe in one God and their messenger was Moses.</p>	<p>1) <b>A pilgrimage is a journey made to....</b> a) a holy place b) temple c) river</p> <p>2) <b>Hajj is carried out by...</b> a) Christians b) Muslims c) Jews</p> <p>3) <b>How many days do Muslims spend praying during Hajj</b> a) 14 days b) 5 days c) 10 days</p> <p>4) <b>Which country do Jews visit during the 3 festivals?</b> a) Nazerath b) Rome c) Jerusalem</p> <p>5) <b>Jerusalem is known as</b> a) Promise land b) Rich land c) blessed land</p> <p>6) <b>Why do Hindus visit the River Ganges?</b> a) wash themselves b) purify themselves c) woship</p> <p>7) <b>Which God do Hindus show respect to when visiting River Ganges?</b> a) Lord Shiva b) Rama c) Vishnu</p> <p>8) <b>Why do Christians visit the fountains in Lourdes in France-?</b> a) brings closeness b) seek forgiveness c) brings miraculous</p> <p>9) <b>Why do Christians visit Bethlehem</b> a) Jesus birth place b) death place c) Place of resurrection</p> <p>10) <b>Name the disciple that was martyr in Rome, Basilica</b> a) John b) Peter c) Judas</p>
Key Dates	Useful websites
<p>B.C stands for the English phrase "before Christ,"</p> <p>A.D is a Latin phrase: anno domini ("in the year of the Lord"—the year Jesus was born).</p> <p><b>Hinduism 1500 BC</b></p> <p><b>Judaism 1440 BC</b></p> <p><b>Christianity 32 AD</b></p> <p><b>Islam 610 AD</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.bbc.com/education/clips/z8jpycw">https://www.bbc.com/education/clips/z8jpycw</a> (Hajj)</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.com/education/clips/zqv8qty">https://www.bbc.com/education/clips/zqv8qty</a> (Jerusalem)</p>