

Major Beliefs of the World—Unit 4

Religion	Important Writings	God, Gods, or Spirits	Afterlife	Rituals	Principal Branches	Ethics/Morals
Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an • Hadith 	There is one God, called <i>Allah</i> in Arabic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heaven and Hell 	The formal acts of worship are called the Five Pillars of Islam.	Three major divisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunni • Shiite • Kharijite 	Obedience to Allah based on the Qur'an and Hadith is a core belief. Protecting the community, hard work, honesty, and generosity are also important.
Shinto	Shinto stories appear in the following texts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nihongi</i> (<i>Chronicles of Japan</i>) • <i>Kojiki</i> (<i>Record of Ancient Matters</i>) 	Shintoists worship many gods, called <i>kami</i> , which are found in nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not discussed 	<i>Matsuri</i> are ceremonies that focus on goals such as peace, long life, and good health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Moral standards include honesty, respect for elders, and kindness.