

Faiths Across Europe

Identify three major religions and clues connected to each one.

SS6G10.b "Identify the major religions in Europe: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that identify Judaism, Christianity, or Islam. In the margin, write J, C, or I beside each marked clue.

Religious Communities in Europe

- ① Europe is home to people with many beliefs. Three major religions found across Europe are Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. A religion can shape holidays, family traditions, and places of worship. Jewish people worship in synagogues. Christians gather in churches. Muslims worship in mosques. People may practice a religion often, sometimes, or not at all. These choices are personal, and people within the same religion may have different traditions and experiences. Respect matters in every community.
- ② For centuries, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities have lived in European towns and cities. Christianity has many branches, including Catholicism, Protestantism, and Eastern Orthodoxy. Judaism and Islam also include different traditions. A building alone does not tell you what every person believes. For example, a city may have churches, synagogues, and mosques, while some residents follow no religion. Learning the names of these religions helps you recognize Europe's religious diversity without making assumptions about individuals.
- ③ When you read about a European festival, neighborhood, or historic site, look for clear evidence before naming a religion. A report might mention a synagogue and a Jewish holiday. Another might describe Christians attending a church service. A third might tell about Muslims gathering at a mosque for prayer. Use the words in the source, rather than guessing from a person's name, clothing, or country. This careful habit helps you identify Judaism, Christianity, and Islam accurately.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What three major religions in Europe does the passage name?

2 Match each place of worship to its religion: synagogue, church, and mosque.

3 A report says that Muslims are gathering for prayer. Which major religion does this evidence identify?

4 Why should you use clear evidence from a source when identifying a religion?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Complete the chart with all three major religions in Europe. For each one, write its place of worship and create an original sentence that gives a clear clue to the religion.

MAJOR RELIGION	PLACE OF WORSHIP	ORIGINAL EVIDENCE SENTENCE

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that identify Judaism, Christianity, or Islam. In the margin, write J, C, or I beside each marked clue. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What three major religions in Europe does the passage name?	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
2	Match each place of worship to its religion: synagogue, church, and mosque.	Synagogue: Judaism. Church: Christianity. Mosque: Islam.
3	A report says that Muslims are gathering for prayer. Which major religion does this evidence identify?	Islam.
4	Why should you use clear evidence from a source when identifying a religion?	Clear evidence helps identify a religion accurately and prevents guessing based on a person's name, clothing, or country.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

MAJOR RELIGION	PLACE OF WORSHIP	ORIGINAL EVIDENCE SENTENCE
Judaism	synagogue	A city notice invites Jewish families to a synagogue for a holiday gathering.
Christianity	church	The article says Christians will meet at a church for a service.
Islam	mosque	A community announcement says Muslims will gather at a mosque for prayer.

Accept Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in any order. For the chart, accept accurate places of worship and original sentences with clear, respectful evidence for each religion.