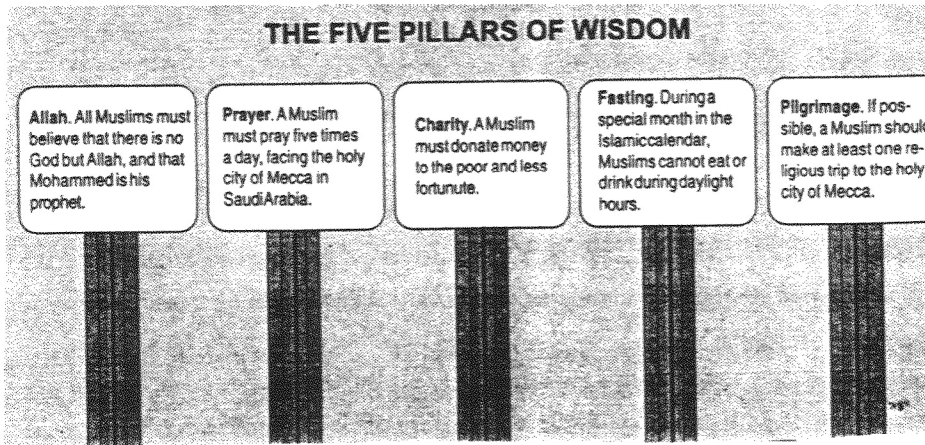


WHAT ARE THE CENTRAL BELIEF OF ISLAM?

Document #1

“ Islam is the major religion in the Middle East, it is based on the teachings of **Mohammed**, who claimed to be a prophet from God (Allah). He taught that Allah is all powerful and determines the fate of each person. The **Koran** is the sacred book of Mohammed and contains **Mohammed's** teachings.”- Mastering Global Studies, pg 92

Based on this document, why is Islam a monotheistic religion? _____



Good Muslims must follow these basic religious duties. Read the following account and decide whether Abdul is a good Muslim or not.

It is the second day of the holiest month of the Islamic calendar, Ramadan, and Abdul has awoken at 730 AM. After facing the holy city of Jerusalem, Abdul begins to pray to Allah and Buddha for a passing grade on his Global History Exam. After finishing his prayer, Abdul begins to eat his breakfast of bacon and eggs and beer. Before showering, Abdul once again faces the holy city of Jerusalem and begins to pray to Allah and Confucius.

Abdul walks to school with \$200 in his pocket so that he can buy an autographed copy of the new DMX album. He passes by several homeless people who ask him for money for food. Abdul keeps walking to McDonald’s where he has a milkshake before going to school.

Once in school, Abdul faces the holy city of Mecca and prays to Allah and his prophet, Mohammed, that the teacher will give him a passing grade although he has not turned in his homework’s or passed his exams. The principal announces that Abdul has won a contest for the most creative excuse for being late to school contest. He may choose either 1) a trip to Mecca, all expenses paid or 2) a date with Jennifer Lopez. He chooses #2. Abdul then falls down to his knees, faces the holy city of Jerusalem and gives his final prayer to Allah and Buddha for a good hair day for his date with Jennifer Lopez. After that, Abdul decides to have a huge lunch with plenty of pork and rum.

Abdul is a GOOD / BAD (circle one) Muslim because:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____