

Worksheet 1.3a: Religions and beliefs

1. How many of the religions/beliefs below have you heard of? Tick them.

A. Atheism _____

B. Shinto _____

C. Judaism _____

D. Jainism _____

E. Sikhism _____

F. Taoism _____

G. Christianity _____

H. Agnosticism _____

I. Paganism _____

J. Islam _____

K. Baha'i _____

L. Hinduism _____

M. Buddhism _____

2. Match each religion/belief in question 1 with its definition below by writing the relevant number next to the name.

1. Involves kami (spirits that supposedly bring good luck to humans). Popular in Japan.

2. Not being sure about whether a god/gods exist.

4. Many followers practise meditation. Does not involve gods/a god.

3. Followers celebrate Hanukkah. Use the Torah as a holy book.

6. Created in Iran in the 19th century. Education viewed as very important.

5. Very concerned with the environment. Followers celebrate the Summer Solstice.

7. Involves five 'pillars' (including giving money to charity and fasting).

8. Not believing in a god/any gods.

9. Committed to non-violence. Followers believe that animals and plants have souls.

10. Originates from China. Its worshippers go to temples.

11. About 80% of Indians are this religion. Followers believe in reincarnation.

12. Miracles supposedly performed by the son of God include walking on water.

13. Many followers wear a steel bracelet and don't cut their hair.