









# Religious Studies: RS

## World Religions

Complete the table, filling in the gaps using the words at the bottom. **Hint:** each word may only be used once. Complete as much as you can from what you already know. If you get really stuck, do some independent research to help you, but write those answers in a different colour

Name of Religion	Buddhism	Christianity	Hinduism	Islam	Judaism	Sikhism
Symbol						
Name of Symbol		Cross or Fish (Ichthus)	Aum	Star & Crescent Moon	Star of David	
Date of Origin	c. 500 BCE (BC)		c. 2000 BCE (BC)		c. 2000 BCE (BC)	1450 CE (AD)
Founder / Important Person	Siddartha Gutama (Buddha)		No-one	Muhammad		Guru Nanak
Place of Worship	Vihara (Temple)	Church		Mosque	Synagogue	
Name of Followers		Christians	Hindus		Jews	Sikhs
Name of God	No God	God	Brahman			Waheguru
Name of Holy Book		Bible		Qur'an (Koran)	Torah & Talmud	Guru Granth Sahib
Important Festival (s)	Wesak		Diwali	Eid-ul-Fit'r		Vaisakhi
Place of Pilgrimage	Bodh Gaya	Rome or Lourdes		Mecca	Jerusalem	

### Missing Words to fill in

1. Jesus
2. Allah
3. Amritsar
4. Buddhists
5. Gurdwara
6. Mandir (Temple)
7. Abraham
8. Ik Onkar (One God)
9. River Ganges
10. 33 CE (AD)
11. Wheel of Life
12. Vedas
13. Christmas & Easter
14. c. 600 CE (AD)
15. Muslims
16. Yahweh (G-d)
17. Dhammapada
18. Pesach (Passover)



**Total out of 18:**

## Questions

Complete the sentences below, making sure you explain your reasons why.

1. A **THEIST** is a person who **does** believe in God. One reason for this belief may be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. An **ATHEIST** is a person who **does not** believe in God or the possibility of God ever existing. One reason for this belief may be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. An **AGNOSTIC** is someone who is unsure of what to believe and needs more proof or thinks we need more knowledge before we can know for sure. One reason for this belief may be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Your Views

You should give reasons to support your view(s) in this section, e.g. I think ... because ... which means ...

4. What do **you** believe about God and **why**? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you think it is important **or** helpful for people to have and follow a religion or to believe in God? Give reasons why for your answer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. **If** God exists and you were able to swap places with God for the day, what would you do and why? Is there anything you would change? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Read the following statement and evaluate arguments for and against, explaining your reasons why. You can use examples to support your reasons. Really think about your answers as this is a higher level question!

***'Not everyone believes in God or belongs to a religion, so learning about them is a waste of time'***

- i. Some people would **AGREE** with this statement because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Some people would **DISAGREE** with this statement because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_