

World Religions in Greater Indianapolis Teaching Module

Teacher Name: Douglas Hammerling **Humanities Discipline:** US History & World Civilizations

Date: April 21, 2016

World Religion: Islam

Teaching Module Title: Islamic Religious Traditions

Teaching Module Goals:

1. Introduction to the basic religious rituals, scriptures, and teachings of Islam
2. Explore the diversity and history of Islam in the world
3. Explore the Qur'an, Five Pillars of Islam, and the Mosque

Assigned Readings and/or Websites

Bowker. World Religions, "Islam Chapter".

PBS Documentary "Islam: Empire of Faith" (You Tube)

www.pbs.org/empires/islam (Timeline, Jewels of Architecture, Faith, Culture, Innovation, and Profiles)

Study Questions and Prompts for Students:

1. What does the Minaret symbolize in the relationship of God? Who is the muezzin and what is his role?
2. Who were God's earlier messengers? According to Islam, were they divine? Was Muhammad divine?
3. What happened to Muhammad at Mount Hira?
4. What is the Qur'an? What does the word mean? How do Muslims view the words of the Qur'an?
5. What does Jihad mean? What is it the fulfilment of? Name three rules of Jihad.
6. Name the Five Pillars of Islam.
7. What is the Ka'ba? What has it meant in the past and what does it mean in Islam today?
8. What is a main difference between the Sunni and Shi'a Muslims?
9. Who are the Sufis Muslims? What are their beliefs? What roles do mystical music and dancing play in their practices?
10. Name three contributions that Muslims have made to science and math. What was the importance of Aristotle?
11. What does the word "Mosque" mean? What role does the imam play?
12. Who is the Khatib?
13. Name two important Mosques to the Islamic religion and why they are important. What are some of the unique architecture features of the Mosque?

Additional Written Assignments:

Design a timeline of the Prophet Muhammad's life. Note the important milestones of his life. How did Muhammad die? Include the importance of the visits by the angel Gabriel.

Locate a picture of the Ka'ba. Identify the location and meaning of the important symbols of the Ka'ba that are listed on page 186-187.

Locate three pictures of hypostyle style mosque. Locate three pictures of a domical style mosque. Who was the architect Sinan? Which sultan did he work for?