What is Islam?

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Islam

- Second largest world religion after Christianity
- About 1.57 billion followers (about 23% of the world’s population)
- Islam means submission
- Two major divisions: Sunni and Shia
  - With more than 50 known divisions being currently practiced by a large enough population to deem it an individual sect
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Islam

- Belief system is articulated by the Quran
  - Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by an angel

- Five pillars of Islam
  - Salaat (prayer)
  - Hajj (pilgrimage)
  - Shahada (proclamation of faith)
  - Sawm (fasting)
  - Zakaat (alms-giving)
Core Beliefs

- Quran is the literal and eternal word of God
- Belief in the Day of Judgement
- Articles of Faith
  - Only one God
  - Adam was the first prophet and Muhammad was the final prophet
- Sharia-Islamic Law
  - All-encompassing
  - Not followed by all sects of Islam
Monotheistic
“There is no God but Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah”
Ninety-Nine Names of Allah
Articles of Faith

- Revelations
- Prophets
- Day of Judgment
- Predestination
- Angels
  - Total obedience towards God
  - Recorders, Interceders, Messengers
History of Islam

- Muhammad
  - Revelation of the Quran
  - Rise of Islam
  - Hijra (First year of Islamic Calendar)
  - Unification of tribes of Arabia

- Caliphate and Civil War
  - Who would take over after Prophet Mohammad?
    - Split between Shia and Sunni Islam
  - Assassination of Ali
  - Rise of the Umayyad Dynasty
    - Variance between who should be a Muslim
History of Islam

- Abbasid Era
  - Golden Age of Islam
  - Establishment of “Schools of Thought”
  - First Muslim State

- Fall of the Abbasids
  - End of caliphate
  - Crusades
  - Reform and Revival
    - Salafi movement

- Modern Times
  - Muslim intellectuals
  - Spread of Islam
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