Abraham

Christianity:
Jesus Christ (believed to be God’s son in the form of a man) is a descendent of Abraham.

Judaism (Jews):
God’s chosen people; Abraham is considered the father of the Jews.

Islam:
Muhammad (God’s prophet) is a descendent of Abraham.

Abrahamic Religions
• The world’s three major __________________ religions:
  • __________________
  • __________________
  • __________________
• All three are considered Abrahamic religions
• All of them worship the God of Abraham
• All three consider one city to be their holy city
• What city is it?

Why is Jerusalem Important to Jews?
• In the Torah, God helped the Jews (His chosen people) escape from Egyptian ____________
• After their escape, God promised them a new homeland (known as the ________________ Land)
• It took a while, but the Jews finally conquered this Promised Land
  • One of the main cities in the Promised Land is _________________ !!
• The Jews built their _________________ in Jerusalem
• Around 600 BC, Babylon conquered Jerusalem, exiled the Jews, and the temple was ________________
• About 60 years later, the Jews were allowed to ________________ to Jerusalem
• They built a ________________ temple but in 70 AD the Roman Empire conquered Jerusalem and destroyed the second temple
• The Jewish people were ________________ and all that remained of the temple was a retaining wall
• Today... that wall is known as the “______________ ____________” or the “Wailing Wall” (and it’s in Jerusalem)
• This is the most ________________ site in the world for Jewish people
• In 1947, the Jews again returned to Jerusalem with the establishment of the nation of ______________

What structure in Jerusalem exists today that is considered to be a holy site by Jews?

Why is Jerusalem Important to Christians?

• Christianity’s ______________ are found in Judaism (Jesus was a Jew)
• Many of the reasons that Jerusalem is important to Jews apply to ______________ as well
• Jesus lived, died (by crucifixion), and is believed to have been ________________ in Jerusalem
• The Church of the Holy ______________ is in Jerusalem
• The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is built on the site of Jesus’s crucifixion and the ______________ from which he rose from the dead
• This the most ______________ site in the world for Christianity

What structure in Jerusalem exists today that is considered to be a holy site by Christians?

Why is Jerusalem Important to Muslims?

• Muhammad traveled to Jerusalem and spent time there
• Muhammad _______________ to heaven from Jerusalem
• The Dome of the Rock, an important Islamic ______________, is also located in Jerusalem
• Jerusalem is the ______________ holiest site in Islam (after Mecca and Medina)

What structure in Jerusalem exists today that is considered to be a holy site by Muslims?

Jerusalem

• For over 3,000 years, people have been ______________ for control of Jerusalem
• Many ______ have been fought over Jerusalem
• Power and control of the city has ______________ between religions, empires, and nations
• It is perhaps the most ______________, historical, important, holy, and controversial city in the world
• “During its long history, Jerusalem has been destroyed at least twice, besieged 23 times, captured and recaptured 44 times, and attacked 52 times” - Jerusalem Besieged
• Today, control over Jerusalem remains a topic of tense ______________