

Comparing Religious Symbols & Practices

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will create a visual reference poster comparing symbols, holy sites, and practices across the five major world religions.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Poster board
- Ruler
- Colored pencils or markers
- Scissors
- Glue stick

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Divide your poster board into 5 equal sections using your ruler, one for each religion studied so far (Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam).
2. In each section, hand-draw that religion's main symbol (example: Star of David, cross, crescent moon and star, Dharma wheel, Om symbol).
3. Below each symbol, write the name of that religion's most important holy site or building (example: the Western Wall, the Vatican, Mecca, Bodh Gaya, Varanasi).
4. Add one important holiday or practice for each religion (example: Passover, Christmas, Ramadan, Vesak, Diwali).
5. Add a title at the top of your poster: 'World Religions at a Glance.'

QUESTIONS

1. **Match each symbol to its religion: crescent moon and star, Star of David, cross, Dharma wheel.**
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2. **Name one major holy site and the religion it belongs to.**
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3. **Choose one holiday from your poster and briefly explain what it celebrates.**
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4. Why do you think symbols are an important part of religious identity?
