**Worship Services**

* Mosque – holy building
* Friday noon prayers most important
* Imam – prayer leader

Sects

* Sunni – caliph should be chosen by leaders of Muslim community
* Shi’i- caliph should be from successors to the prophet

**Practices and Rituals**

* 5 Pillars:
  + Shahada –public declaration of faith
  + Salat- prayer 5x day
  + Zakat- almsgiving to charity
  + Siyam- fasting (Ramadan)
  + Hajj – pilgrimage to Mecca
* Hallal- allowed acts/food
* Haram – forbidden acts/food

**Key Beliefs**

* Based on God’s teachings and example of the life of Muhammad
* Through Muhammad God made Mecca the center of Islam and the holiest city
* Must live by god’s guidance to achieve eternal life or suffer damnation
* Jerusalem – sacred city of prophets

**Holy Book**

* Quran
* Sacred language – Arabic
* God’s teachings as they were revealed to Muhammad

**God**

* Believe in one God-Abraham
* ALLAH (in Arabic)
* Muhammad is final prophet

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