

Belief System Topic #2: Islam	Effects of the Belief System on its Followers or the Society in which it was Practiced	Beliefs and Practices
	The main believe that affects Muslims lives is following the 5 pillars 3. Muslims must declare faith in one god Allah – a. surrender to the will of Allah and become a servant b. observes Allah's commands with patience and perseverance 4. pray five time a day –They must face Mecca while praying they believe this keeps them in touch with god a. establishes a personal connection to Allah b. purifies one's soul and prevents a person from sinning 5. Muslims are to give to charity to help out people less unfortunate and to help out the community. - give to charity – people are sympathetic and compassionate towards needy and poor a. reduces poverty 6. Muslims are supposed to make a pilgrimage to Mecca in one's lifetime – a. Muslims believe that this takes away ones sins and clarifies the body b. suspends secular life and reflect on one's spiritual life c. focus on worshipping Allah and asking forgiveness of sins d. throughout history this has increased the spread of Islam and also cultural diffusion –Along with territory expansion came cultural diffusion- During the Islamic golden age Muslims lived a far more advanced life than others during that time period. These advancement were in math with the creation of algebra, astronomy with the creation of the astrolabe and medicine with such things as discovery of the illnesses of measles and small pox and setting up the first medical centers. 7. Last Muslims are supposed to fast from sunrise to sunset during the holy month of Ramadan. a. Muslims also have to abstain from sex, smoking, swearing, arguments or gossip allowed. Basically Muslims shouldn't do anything that can be seen as sinful during Ramadan.	~Monotheistic religion that branched off Judaism during the 7th century by the prophet Muhammad in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. 1. 5 Pillars a. Declaring faith in one god- The English translation of the declaration states: I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except the One God, and I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the Servant and final Messenger of God. This is the main key to becoming a Muslim. b. Pray 5 times a day - at dawn, noon, afternoon, sunset and night. 2. Give to Charity – 2.5% of income In Arabic it is known as <i>zakat</i> which means purification. Muslims believe that the wealth they have came from god so they must share their wealth to help others. c. Pilgrimage to Mecca – Hajj – 12 month of the Islamic Calendar - Caliphs spread the religion of Islam by conquering territory. The territory spread from Saudi Arabia to Asia Minor and as far as India. d. Fast during the month of Ramadan – 9 month of the Islamic Calendar