

Holland Park School | Year 7 RE: Origins of the Abrahamic Faiths



Overview	This unit of work intends to provide the origin story for the Abrahamic faiths; Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It helps students to see the connections and distinctions between these faiths by piecing together a scriptural narrative across the Torah, Bible and Qur'an. It also provides historical context to these texts in order for students to understand them within their time and place. This unit of work serves as a good grounding in the Abrahamic faiths for their later study individually.
Assessment	Skills Focus: Explain Questions Students will engage with a number of explain questions throughout this unit. They will be exposed to model answers, success criteria and scaffolds for each question. This will allow students to develop the skill of explaining different concepts and ideas using the PEE structure (Point, Evidence, Explain). This will culminate with an end of unit assessment, where students will be asked a series of knowledge questions and explain questions.
Glossary Links	Pages 28-31
Key Words	<p>Genesis- The first book of the Jewish and Christian scriptures</p> <p>Adam and Eve- According to Genesis, they were the first human beings created by God</p> <p>Noah- The hero of the biblical flood story in the book of Genesis</p> <p>The Flood- God's decision to return the Earth to its pre- creation state of watery chaos and then remake it in a reversal of creation</p> <p>Abraham (Ibrahim in Islam)- The common founder of Judaism, Christianity and Islam</p> <p>Covenant – Conditional promises made to humanity by God</p> <p>Sacrifice- An act of slaughtering an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity</p> <p>Isaac- Abraham's son who went on to be ancestor to the Jewish people</p> <p>Ishmael- Abraham's son who went on to be ancestor to the Muslim people</p> <p>Mecca- Holy city for Muslims established by Ibrahim and Ishmael</p> <p>Moses- The Hebrew prophet who led the Israelites out of Egypt and delivered the Law during their years of wandering in the wilderness</p> <p>Exodus- Second book of the Jewish and Christian scriptures which tells the story of Moses and the Israelites</p> <p>Leviticus- Third book of the Jewish and Christian scriptures which contains laws and ceremonial practices</p> <p>Day of Atonement- A religious practice described in Leviticus to remove the sins of the community</p> <p>Jesus- First- century Jewish teacher who Christians believe to be the Son of God</p>

Pharisees- An ancient Jewish group, distinguished by strict observance of the traditions and written law
Crucifixion- An ancient form of execution in which a person was nailed or bound to a cross
Salvation- Saving from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Jesus
Polytheism- The belief in more than one god
Monotheism- The belief in one God

Topics	Key content
Genesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The union and then subsequent separation from God and how this separation is pivotal to the rest of the Abrahamic faiths narrative; the need to bridge this separation
Noah and the Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How, according to Genesis, as humanity has grown, they have come sinful. God's judgement on humanity as he floods the earth to cleanse it of sin.
Abraham and the Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The context of Abraham as a monotheist living in a polytheistic world, where practices such as human sacrifice were common. The covenant between Abraham and God
Abraham's Sacrifice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of Abraham's sacrifice and the distinction between the Jewish and the Islamic account The paths which Isaac and Ishmael take which is the starting point for both Judaism and Islam
Abraham in Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The establishment of Mecca as a viable settlement
Moses and the Exodus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The establishment of Judaism The persecution that the Jewish people suffer under the Egyptians and their redemption through God's actions The establishment of the 10 commandments, the worship of the golden calf and the building of the Tabernacle
Leviticus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The specific laws and instructions provided to the Israelites in order to help them live according to the covenant The Day of Atonement ritual
Jesus the Rebel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cleansing of the temple by Jesus who takes issue with how the rules of Leviticus are being followed
Jesus' Sacrifice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sacrifice of Jesus to atone for all mankind's sin The birth of Christianity as something which emerges from Judaism, but is made distinctly different through Jesus
The Beginning of Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The corruption of the Kaaba over time The role Muhammad plays in challenging the dominant religious views at the time