

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

War and world religions

The following excerpt on 'War and World Religions' gives some interesting information about the way in which some of the world religions view war and peace. As you read the text, see whether you can fill in the missing words from the word box below the text.

Many 1 _____ have been fought with 2 _____ as their stated course or 3 _____ as their hoped-for end. The following is a brief 4 _____ of what the world's major religions say about war and peace.

There are three possible views of war that religions may adopt.

1. The 5 _____ view: All violence and killing is wrong.
2. Belief in a just war: Some wars are right, because they are perceived to be in the interest of 6 _____.
3. Belief in holy war: The God of a religion is perceived to ask its followers to make war on those who do not 7 _____ in that religion.

Three major world religions have their roots in India: Hinduism, 8 _____ and Sikhism.

All three share the idea of non-violence.

Three world religions have their roots in the 9 _____ East, and they adopted the idea of a holy or just war.

Peace is the central 10 _____ of Judaism, but Judaism is not a pacifist religion. Revenge and unprovoked aggression is condemned, but 11 _____ is justified.

Christianity has taken all three positions on war, but Jesus's teachings are clearly 12 _____.

Islam was founded by the prophet 13 _____. The teachings of Islam teach that Jihad has two meanings. The first is that the duty of all 14 _____ is to lead good lives. The second is that of a 15 _____ war in defence of Islam.

Holy	Islam	summary	believe	peace	pacifist	wars
	Middle	justice	self-defence		religion	
	teaching					
Mohammed		Buddhism	Muslims		non-violent	

Total marks: 15

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	15	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. wars2. religion3. peace4. summary5. pacifist6. justice7. believe8. Buddhism9. Middle10. teaching11. self-defence12. non-violent13. Mohammed14. Muslims15. Holy