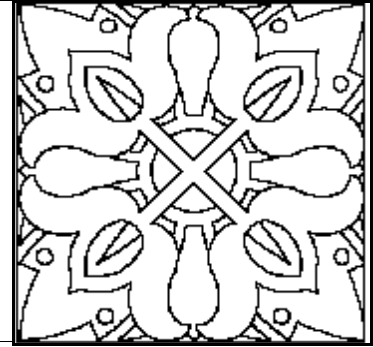




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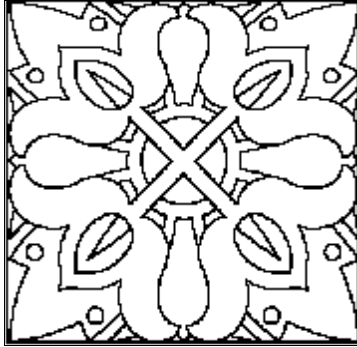
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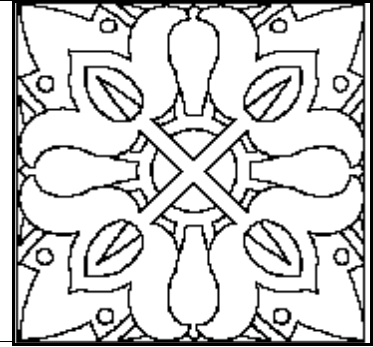
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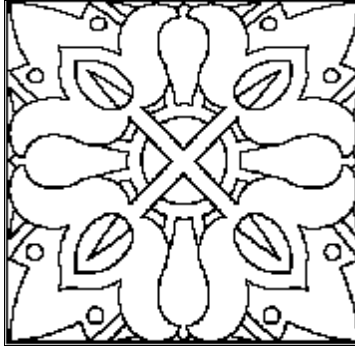
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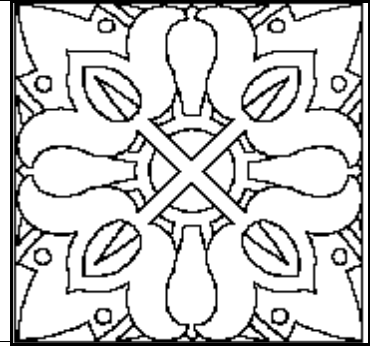
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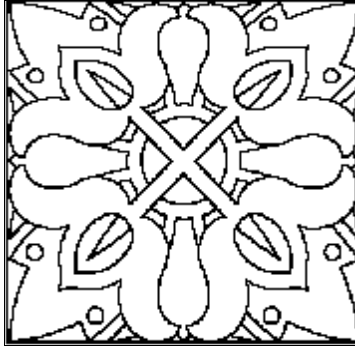
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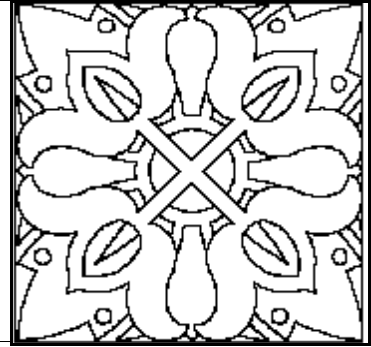
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1. What do you find to be the most surprising fact you have discovered about Islam in the world today? **Answers will vary**
2. One out of every 5 people today consider themselves followers of Islam.
3. Who was Mohammed? **Mohammed was the founder of Islam. He thought he had a revelation from God. He revealed the laws that became the Koran.**
4. What is jihad? How did Mohammed define jihad? How did his earlier followers define jihad? How do some radical followers of his today define jihad? **Jihad means "holy war." Mohammed thought of jihad as an internal battle between the flesh and spirit of man. His early followers expanded the meaning to include defending their faith when attacked. Some radical followers today define it as a war against nations that are not Muslim to try and force them to become so.**
5. What are the Five Pillars of Islam? **The guiding principles of Islam. They include the creed, prayer 5 times a day, almsgiving, the fast of Ramadan, and the "hajj" or pilgrimage to Mecca.**
6. What purpose does the mosque serve? **It is a place of prayer for Muslims. It often serves as schools for Muslims as well.**
7. How is the mosque similar to Christian churches? **They both serve as places to come together with like-minded believers and worship God/Allah.**
8. How is the mosque different from Christian churches? **There is only rugs in mosques for people to kneel on and pray to Allah where churches have pulpits, seats, altars, etc. There are no ministers in a mosque preaching sermons, although a leader often does lead prayer. There isn't any one person elevated in any special way to act as intercessor between man and God or to act as a shepherd of the people in the mosque as there is in the church. In fact, there isn't any clergy in the Islamic faith.**



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9. What were the Crusades, their purpose, and did they succeed in their purpose? _____
Crusades were Christian military troops who set out to protect Christian pilgrimage routes from the Muslims. They were not successful.
10. Compare the civilizations of Europe with those of the Middle East during the time of the crusades. Which of the two were more advanced? How did the crusades change either culture? The Middle East had a very developed culture with wonderful examples of architecture. The European cultures did not. In fact, they were still very much in their infancy of development. The clash between the two during the Crusades did not change the culture of the Muslims, but the Europeans brought back many ideas of society, culture, and architecture that brought about the Renaissance of the European countries.
11. What is Arabic? It is the language of the Koran and many of the Muslim people. It is also a decoration that is used in the art work and architecture of the Islamic people.
12. What are the special characteristics of Islamic art? Islamic art is know for calligraphy, lattice and delicate scroll work, and geometric designs. Most Muslims look down on the use of animals or people in art work because they feel that one is trespassing on the area of God's creation and His art work.
13. During the colonization period of Islam, three great empires began to dominate the world. What were those three great empires? England, France, Holland
14. During this period of domination, what began happening to the Muslims faith? It began to make many Muslims doubt their faith.
15. How might the religion of Islam affect the lives of people who are not Islam? The radicals will probably continue to make war with many of these cultures. Also, with such a high rate of those who believe in the Islam faith, a daily contact with these believers will be more than likely. Their beliefs and values will begin effecting legislation, society, and culture all around us.
16. What does the future look like for Islam? It is likely to become more widespread and to have a strong influence on the world.