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## Islam Study Guide

1. What are the main beliefs of Islam? (Alex)

Main Beliefs: Shai Islam	Main Beliefs: Shunni Islam
Twelver	The Five Pillars
<ul> <li>Tawhid - monotheism: belief in the oneness of god.</li> <li>Adl - divine justice, belief in God's justice</li> <li>Nubuwwah - Prophethood</li> <li>Imamah - Secession to Mahammad</li> <li>Mi'ad - The day of Judgement and the resurrection</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shahadah - Profession of faith.</li> <li>Saiat - Prayer</li> <li>Zakat - Almsgiving and giving to charity.</li> <li>Sawm - Fasting</li> <li>Hajj - Pilgrimage to Mecca</li> </ul>

- 2. Describe social cohesion of Islam between 1200 and 1400 c.e (Julian)
  - Islam provided a cultural and economic unifying force in Africa and Eurasia
  - Provided social continuity after the fall of the Abbasid Caliphates
  - In general, they had a tolerance for other religions which allowed it to be more socially accepted and have a universal civilization
  - They also invented the concept of longitude and latitude, as well as writing the
    most famous work of fiction ever, in the "Book of One Thousand and One
    Nights.
  - Had universities set up to study science, astronomy, mathematics, physics, and medicine.
- 3. Describe social control of Islam between 1200 and 1400 c.e (Jack)
  Non-Muslims could practice their own religions in a Muslim community in Southwest
  Asia during 1200 and 1400 C.E, but had to pay a tax called "Jizya".
  Non-Muslims:
  - Higher Taxes
  - Unfair legal and social privileges
  - Restrictions on dress and professions
  - Harassment
  - Referred to as "Dhimmi" which made the Muslims feel higher and more powerful than the Non-Muslims.
  - Always had a low place in government.

- Overall Non-Muslims were treated very unfair because Muslims felt that they were more important than the Non-Muslims.
- 4. Describe the sense of purpose in Islam between the 1200 and 1400 c.e:
  - People during this time gained their sense of purpose from the pillars. These piller or beliefs act as a guide to a "good life" in the Islamic community.