

Fact Finding Worksheet

Web activity: What to do?

Use the Internet to find answers to the questions below about “Muslims in Europe” for the country you have selected to work on.

1. Look for key information and try to distinguish essential information from trivia.
2. Write your answers on this Worksheet. Structure and schematize your information as much as possible.
3. After you have answered all of the questions, join the other students in your group.
4. Go over the questions and discuss the results of your findings in your group.
5. With your group, prepare a brief summary of all the answers. Do this in as structured a way as possible. Be prepared to present your group's findings to the whole class.

Some sites to get you started:

- For France, start with: www.ft.com/muslimmap
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslims_in_Europe
- For Great Britain, start with: www.ft.com/muslimmap and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslims_in_Europe
- For Germany, start with: www.ft.com/muslimmap and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslims_in_Europe
- For Italy, start with: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslims_in_Europe and <http://euro-islam.info/pages/country.html>
- For Spain, start with: <http://euro-islam.info/pages/country.html>
- For The Netherlands, start with: <http://www.islamawareness.net/Europe/> and www.ft.com/muslimmap
- For Belgium, start with: <http://www.islamawareness.net/Europe/> and <http://euro-islam.info/pages/country.html>
- For Sweden, start with: <http://euro-islam.info/pages/country.html>

Name _____ **Date** _____

Country you selected to research _____

Numbers:

Approximately how many million Muslims live in your country (absolute numbers and percentages)? Is Islam the biggest religion in this country? If not, which other religions have greater numbers than Islam?

Country of origin:

Which are the main countries of origin of the Muslims living in your country (in declining order)?

Why:

Why did the inhabitants of those countries come to your country in particular? Were there certain ties between your country and theirs? And, why did they leave their country? For what reason did they migrate?

Diversity:

Are the Muslims in your country a homogenous group, ethnically (same ethnicity/nationality/origin) and religiously (followers of the same religious tradition, e.g., Sunni, Shia, Alevi, etc.)?

Relation between Islam and State:

Taking into consideration the relation between religion/church and state in your country, can you explain and tell if:

- There are mosques in your country?
- There are Muslim schools in your country?
- Muslims can receive Islamic classes in private and public schools in your country?
- Muslim women and girls can wear a headscarf in public schools and other public places?

Integration issues:

Make a list of critical integration issues related to the Muslim population in your country. Look for the following issues and give a brief explanation.

Unemployment:

Language knowledge and education:

Geographical separation (concentration in certain neighborhoods):

Poverty:

Crime:

Citizenship:

Continuing immigration of Muslims:

Political representation:

Racism, discrimination and rise of extreme right parties:

Controversies due to religious expressions and/or Radical Islam:

Other: