

# Funeral Traditions

Investigate funeral traditions according to different religions and regions. Use the following website to find the answers: <http://www.funerals-and-flowers.com/death-and-funeral-customs.html>. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Funerary customs are based on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ in remembrance of the dead.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (holy group), the Jewish burial society, a group of men and women volunteers, prepare the deceased for burial.
3. In Judaism, what are the three major stages of preparation?
  
4. What days are eulogies forbidden in Judaism?
  
  
5. What does having 'mourners fill the grave' symbolize?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Explain the Jewish tradition of having a tear in an outer garment. Where is it located?

7. What does the religious faith of Buddhism believe that death is?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What does a death provide the living in Buddhism?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ funeral rites is an important sacrament of Hindu society.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. List the four stages that Hindu funeral rites are divided into.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. In Hinduism, \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary mode of body disposal.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What are the burial rituals in the Islamic rule?

13. Only \_\_\_\_\_ are allowed at the gravesite service where the body is positioned in a manner which reflects Muslim traditions.

14. What is death considered as in Sikhism?

15. To a Sikh, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are closely associated because they are both part of the cycle of human life of "coming and going".

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of grief at the funeral (Antam Sanskar), such as wailing or crying out loud is discouraged and is kept to a minimum.

17. What all does a Japanese funeral include?

18. Describe the Japanese tradition once the casket has arrived at the crematorium.

19. In major parts of North America and Canada, the funeral ritual can be divided into the following areas:

20. When is the viewing usually held?

21. What is customary to do after learning of a death?

22. Friends of the deceased and other family members frequently send \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the funeral home for the viewing service.

23. When is the funeral service usually held?

24. If the service is to be held at church, the deceased is transported from the funeral home to the church in a \_\_\_\_\_, which is part of the funeral procession.

25. Describe the components of the burial service.

26. Pick any religion or region not already discussed and write a paragraph summary about their traditions.