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Diverse Beliefs: Exploring the Religions of Nigeria

Short Answer Key

1. Possible answer: Islam was introduced to Nigeria around the 11th century through trade and cultural interactions with North African and Middle Eastern traders.
2. Possible answer: Traditional African religions influence cultural ceremonies in Nigeria by providing rituals and practices for events such as weddings, funerals, and rites of passage. They often involve offerings and ceremonies to honor ancestral spirits and nature.
3. Possible answer: Sikhism is one of the minority religions practiced in Nigeria, with a smaller but diverse community.
4. Possible answer: Churches play a central role in the lives of Nigerian Christians as places of worship, community gatherings, and social outreach. They provide spiritual guidance and foster a sense of belonging.
5. Possible answer: Religious tolerance and coexistence in Nigeria refer to the peaceful and respectful cohabitation of individuals from various religious backgrounds. While there have been occasional tensions, many Nigerians practice their religions side by side, respecting one another's beliefs.

