

RE Knowledge Organiser

Muhammad the messenger of God

Muhammad was born in Mecca in Saudi Arabia in 570. He was a deeply spiritual man, and often spent time in meditation on Mount Hira. The traditional story of the Qur'an tells how one night in 610 he was meditating in a cave on the mountain when he was visited by the angel Jibreel who ordered him to recite. Once Jibreel mentioned the name of Allah, Muhammad began to recite words which he came to believe were the words of God. Believing that God had chosen him as his messenger Muhammad began to preach what God had revealed to him. The simple and clear-cut message of Islam, that there is no God but Allah, and that life should be lived in complete submission and devotion to the will of Allah, was attractive to many people, and they flocked to hear it.

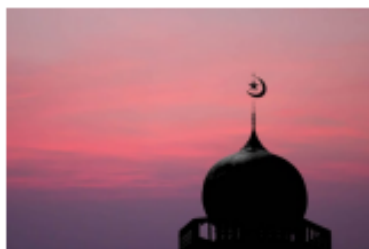
Five Pillars of Islam

The Five Pillars of Islam form the basis of how Muslims live their lives. They consist of faith, prayer, charity, fasting and pilgrimage to Mecca. Carrying out the Five Pillars demonstrates that the Muslim is putting their faith first, and not just trying to fit it in around their secular lives.

Set yourself a target! By the end of this topic, what do you want to achieve?

Did you achieve your target? Yes / no

Are the values of Islam only important to Muslims?



Islamic Holy Places

Mosques are places where Muslims worship. In Islam, the Muslim word for worship is Ibdabah. Some important Islamic holy places include the Kaaba shrine in Mecca, the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, and the Prophet Muhammad's mosque in Medina. Followers worship Allah by praying and reciting the Quran. On Friday at noon, the most important service is held. When Muslims pray, they always face Makkah in Saudi Arabia as a sign of respect and devotion.

Ramadan

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. Fasting is important as it allows them to devote themselves to their faith and become closer to Allah. Fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam.

Key Vocabulary

Allah	The Arabic word for God
Prophet	A person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God.
Qur'an	The Qur'an, sometimes spelled Koran is the holy book of Islam.
Mecca	The holiest city for Muslims, the place where Muhammad was born
Ibdabah	An Arabic word meaning service; in Islam, ibdabah is to worship.
Mosque	The Islam place of worship.

Unit L2.9 How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?