

Topic: Islam

Year 6

What I should know by the end of the unit?

Vocabulary

- People who follow the Islamic faith are called Muslims.
- Islam is a monotheistic religion, which means that they believe in one god only, who is called Allah.
- Muslims celebrate a festival called Eid Ul-Adha.
- Ramadan is the holy month in a lunar calendar, where Muslims fast for a month.
- Muslims believe Muhammad was a prophet, which means that he was a messenger of God.
- Islamic countries have a star and crescent on their flags.
- There are many similarities between Islam and Islam, as they are Abrahamic faiths.
- The Caliphate is the name given to the Muslim government which ruled the Islamic Empire during the Middle Ages.

Symbols of Islam

The crescent and moon is the symbol of Islam and this is predominantly seen on many Islamic countries as they appear on the flags of these countries. A fanoos (a lantern) is used to light up the roads and symbolises Ramadan. A prayer mat is used as a clean place for Muslims to pray on. Prayer beads have 99 beads and these are used to track how many times the name of Allah is recited.

Christianity and Islam

The golden age

Christianity and Islam are known as Abrahamic religions, alongside with Judaism. The term Abrahamic religions refers to the categorisation of certain religions; most notably Judaism, Christianity and Islam, centred around the worship of one God (God in Abrahamic religions). Abraham, a Hebrew patriarch, Islamic prophet is extensively mentioned in the religious scriptures of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles, and the Quran. The single scripture and worship of single gods is the main similarity that Christianity and Islam hold.

The Caliphate is the name given to the Muslim government which ruled the Islamic Empire during the Middle Ages. The Caliphate ruled over North Africa, parts of Europe and Western Asia. The Caliphate began after the death of Muhammad in 632CE.



Qurbani

To sacrifice something that is close to your heart.

Sacrifice

To give something up that is close to you, usually material objects.

Faith

To believe in something with a lot of care and love.

Belief

To accept that the existence of something is true.

Ka'aba

A cube-shaped monument with a decorative black covering in the holy city of Mecca.

Star and crescent

The religious symbol of Islam.

Worship

The act of prayer.

Prayer mat

A mat that Muslims pray on, that is considered clean for prayer.

Caliphate

The name given to the Muslim government which ruled the Islamic Empire during the Middle Ages.

Successor

A leader that had power and authority.

Era

A significant period of time.

