



Module 1 Year 8 Knowledge Organiser



Muhammad



Muhammad was the founder of Islam.

He was born in the city of Mecca approx. 570CE.

Spent a lot of his time in the mountains thinking about:

- Why his people prayed to different Gods
- Why there was arguments between the tribes
- Why some people were rich and some were very poor

Muslims believe Allah chose Muhammad to be his Prophet because he was a fair and wise man and because he was concerned for the people.

Muslims say “peace be upon him” after they say Muhammad’s name as a sign of respect.

Muslims do not draw Allah or any prophets of Islam including Muhammad as they think its disrespectful.

SOWA: Surah “Muhammad is God’s messenger and the seal of the prophets”

Quran

Muslims believe the Qur’an is a special text that is the word of God and so should be handled with respect and care.

SOWA: “The Qur’an is nothing less than a revelation that is sent to him”



Muslims should wash themselves before handling the Qur’an and it should be closed and stored in a clean, respectable place, normally the highest place in the room.

Mosque

Muslims worship in a building called a Mosque. It is a very holy place for Muslims and they treat it with respect.



- Men and women separate to avoid distractions
- Face Mecca – Mihrab shows them which way to face
- Wash room – Wudu - Make sure you are clean for prayer
- Minaret – tall tower structure used to call Muslims to prayer
- Dome - Makes the sound travel, beauty and to keep the room cool

Festivals

Ramadan is a period of fasting for Muslims. Muslims will not eat or drink during the hours of daylight throughout Ramadan. The date of Ramadan is different every year because Muslims follow what is called a Lunar calendar. Fasting ends each sunset with a meal. Children, pregnant women, the elderly, sick people and travellers do not fast.

Muslims focus on prayer and reading the Qur’an, as the holy book was revealed during the month of Ramadan and giving to good causes and generosity to neighbours are encouraged.

SOWA: Surah “Fast for a specific number of days”

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Eid ul-Fitr is celebrated at the end of Ramadan. Muslims give thanks to God for their spiritual blessings. Completing Ramadan is a **HUGE** achievement that brings Allah’s forgiveness.

- They will eat food and drink
- Muslims will wear new clothes
- Some Muslims may exchanged gifts
- Families gather together
- They say special prayers at the mosque
- People give money to charity to fulfil Zakat



5 Pillars

1. Shahadah is the declaration of faith for all Muslims. In Arabic it means “to bear witness”
2. Salah is worship of Allah through praying 5 times a day together in a community with other Muslims. **SOWA: When you pray, wash your faces and your hands up to the elbows”**
3. Sawm is where Muslims do not eat or drink between the hours of sunlight during Ramadan.
4. Zakat is all about donating money to the poor. Muslims donate 2.5% to charity. **SOWA: “Alms are meant only for the poor”**
5. Hajj is an act of pilgrimage to Mecca. Muslims should try and go at least once in their lifetime and it is a deeply spiritual and religious journey.

Mary

She is known as: Mary, Mother of God, Mother Mary, Virgin Mary

She was engaged to Joseph when it was announced by Gabriel that she would have a Son. Mary conceived Jesus as a virgin through the power of the Holy Spirit and she is the only person present at both the birth and death of Jesus.



The Hail Mary is the prayer to Mary.

Mary is given honour by Muslims for giving birth to Jesus who they believe to be a great prophet

Jesus wouldn’t have been able to do all the great things he did if Mary hadn’t given birth to him

Mary is the Immaculate Conception. This means she was Free of Sin since the moment she was conceived by her parents.
SOWA: The Catechism of the Catholic Church