



Yarm Primary School

Year 6

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Is faith always the same? What does art tell us?

Key Vocabulary

expression	the action of making known one's thoughts or feelings.
Stained glass	pieces of coloured glass used to make patterns often in windows
Chronological	(of a record of events) following the order in which they occurred.
Calligraphy	a form of ornamental handwriting found in various cultures throughout the world and whose origins date back to ancient times.
Lindisfarne gospels	The Lindisfarne Gospels is a Christian manuscript, containing the four gospels recounting the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The manuscript was used for ceremonial purposes to promote and celebrate the Christian religion and the word of God.
Prohibition	the action of forbidding something, especially by law. This can include religious law.
Figurative	If you use a word/expression or image in a figurative sense, you use it with a more abstract or imaginative meaning than its ordinary literal one
Qu'ran	The sacred text of Islam, considered by Muslims to contain the revelations of God to Muhammad
Architecture	Architecture is the art of designing buildings.
Faith	A belief in God.

Suggested Activities

Religious art usually has some of the following characteristics:

- Art that contains religious ideas
- Art produced by a religious person
- Art that has been asked to be produced and paid for by a religious person or group
- Art that makes the viewer feel something spiritual – a picture of a small boat in the stormy sea or a painting of space.

Search and find an image which might be an example for some of these categories – try to find the title and artist of the pieces you find.

Find and research the Lindisfarne gospels



'Sticky' Knowledge

- Christianity allows figurative art because God chose to be revealed as a person in Jesus.
- Jews and Muslims do not draw God because they have no idea what God looks like.
- Some religions share an importance on symbolism and beauty around representing their beliefs.
- That art can be religious, but that there are several characteristics which can help us to identify this...
- Islamic buildings often contain a mixture of both calligraphy art and geometric art.
- It was 300 years after the beginnings of Christianity that images of Jesus begin to emerge.

Find 2 similarities and differences in the way art is used across religions...

