

RE Knowledge Organiser

Key Question: What role do places of worship have in communities?

Islam Timeline

Beginning of time: Allah creates the world and everything in it.	Around 570CE: Muhammad is born/receives the first revelation in Mecca.	c.610CE: Muhammad receives the first revelation from Gabriel.	c.622CE: Muhammad reaches Medina. Beginning of Islamic calendar.	c.630CE: Muhammad returns to Mecca. People accept Islam.	c.633CE: Muhammad dies. Abu-Bakr made caliph (leader).	c.655CE: Islam spreads from the Middle East through North Africa.	c.1120CE: Islam spreads to South-East Asia.	c.1979CE: Iranian Revolution forms state of Iran - first attempt at an Islamic state.
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Overview

- Muslims are the people who follow Islam. As a part of their beliefs, Muslims consider that several places in the world are sacred.
- Islam is one of the world's major religions. It is the world's 2nd largest religion, with about 1.8 billion followers.
- The city of Makkah, and particularly the Ka'aba (a cube-shaped structure in the city) are considered the centre of the Islamic world. When Muslims pray, they face in the direction of the Ka'aba. Mosques are Muslims places of worship. There are many different kinds of mosques - from small & modest, to huge, lavishly decorated landmarks. Mosques have many features that are significant to Muslims.



Around 2.5 million Muslims each year take part in the annual 'hajj' pilgrimage to Mecca.



What happens in a Mosque?

- Mosques are often multi-functional, meaning that they serve a number of purposes.
- They are often community centres, with classrooms, meeting rooms, libraries and kitchens.
- Salah (worship of Allah) takes place five times a day. The mu'adin calls people to prayer from the top of the minaret. The words used are known as the adhan.
- Friday is the Muslim holy day, and on Fridays it is the religious duty for all male Muslims to attend midday prayers (Jum'ah) at the Mosque. Women often also attend.
- Before Muslims pray, they perform washing (wudu) following a ritual sequence.
- Before worshipping, Muslims also follow the Rak'at (a sequence of movements and words).

Where do Muslims worship God?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Muslims pray in a building called a mosque. - The word for mosque in Arabic is 'masjid'. Most masjids have at least one dome, and many also have one or two towers. - Muslims take off their shoes before entering the mosque to pray. This is a sign of respect. - On Fridays at noon, the most important religious service of the week is held in the mosques.
What is the Qur'an?		<p>The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam. Muslims believe that the Qur'an contains the holy words of God, which teaches them the right path. Other important books in Islam are the Sunnah (about Mohammad's life) and the Hadith (the words of Mohammad).</p>
Where do most Muslims live in the world?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are about 50 countries around the world in which Islam is the largest religion. - The Arab world (the Middle East and Northern Africa) accounts for about 20% of all Muslims. - There are also millions of Muslims from Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh and India. - China, Iran and Turkey also have many Muslims. - After Christianity, Islam is the 2nd largest religion in most European countries.

Key Vocabulary

- Allah
- Muhammad
- Qur'an
- Five Pillars
- Ramadan
- Eid
- Mosque
- Prophet
- Hadith
- Sunni
- Shia
- Caliph