

1.7 Who is a Muslim and how do they live? Part 2

Islam is broadly considered to have been founded when the **Angel Jibreel** descended upon the **Prophet Muhammad** at **Mount Hira** in 610 A.D.

The night Angel Jibreel visited Muhammad is called **Laylat al-Qadr**, or the **Night of Power**. During this encounter, the Angel Jibreel revealed the first verses of the **Qur'an** (the direct words of Allah) to Muhammad.

This was further cemented when the angel demanded Muhammad recite the Qur'an, and although Muhammad could not read or write, he was able to recite the words he had heard perfectly. According to tradition, several of Muhammad's companions served as scribes, recording the revelations. As such, the Qur'an is unchanged and unabbreviated - the words Muslim's read today are the same words Muhammad was given by the angel.

In the 1,400 years since the revelation, Islam has grown to be the second-largest religion in the world, with Muslims living in every corner of the globe and forming integral parts of communities everywhere.

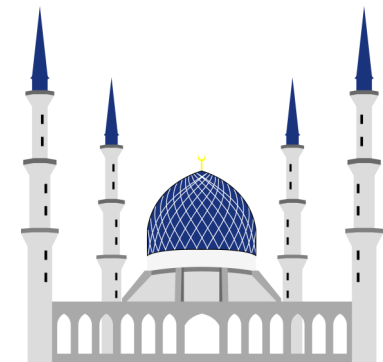
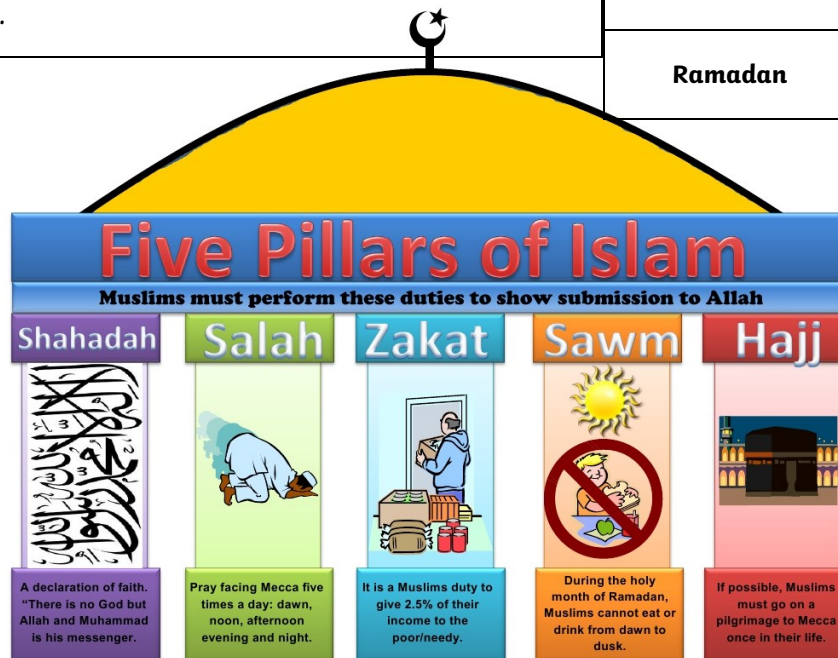
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Key Vocabulary

Prophet Muhammad	An Arab religious, social, and political leader and the founder of Islam.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam
Shahadah	The Islamic oath and creed. It is the first pillar of Islam.
Allah	The Arabic word for God.
Qur'an	The holy scripture of Islam, as told to Muhammad during the Night of Power.
Ramadan	The Islamic holy month of Fasting and when the Hajj is made.



There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger.



The Mosque

Prior learning:
The Pillars of Islam