

The Five Pillars of Islam



Learning Objectives

- To explain the importance of the Five Pillars of Islam to Muslims.
- To describe the Five Pillars of Islam.
- To know the names of the Five Pillars of Islam.

KEY WORDS

Shahadah

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Zakat

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Sawm

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Salat

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Key Word Definitions

Shahadah

The Islamic profession of faith, "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger": the first of the Pillars of Islam.

Zakat

A tax of personal income levied as almsgiving for the relief of the poor: the third of the Pillars of Islam.

Sawm

Fasting, especially during the month of Ramadan; the fourth of the Pillars of Islam.

Salat

Prayers, said five times a day: the second of the Pillars of Islam.

Starter

Write a statement about you and your own beliefs. This document will be important as it be what you are remembered by in the future, when found in a time capsule.

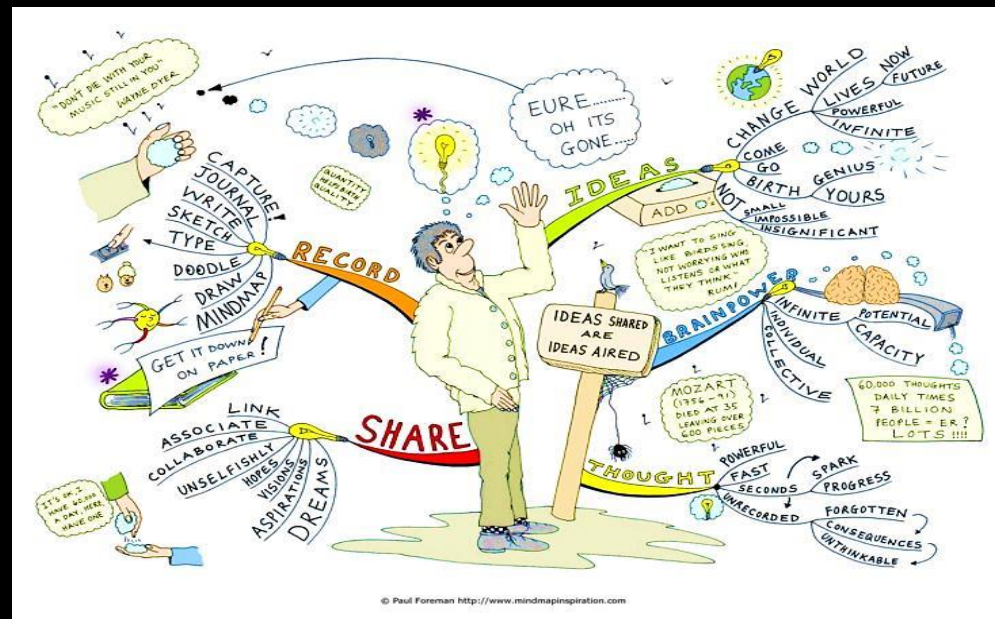


Task 1

Cut the 5 pillars out and stick them into your books in the middle of the page.

You are going to create a giant mind map about the 5 pillars of Islam.

This can be extended throughout the lesson using words and illustration.



THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

Shahadah
(Statement of faith)

Zakat
(Giving to charity)

Why do you think they are called the pillars of Islam?

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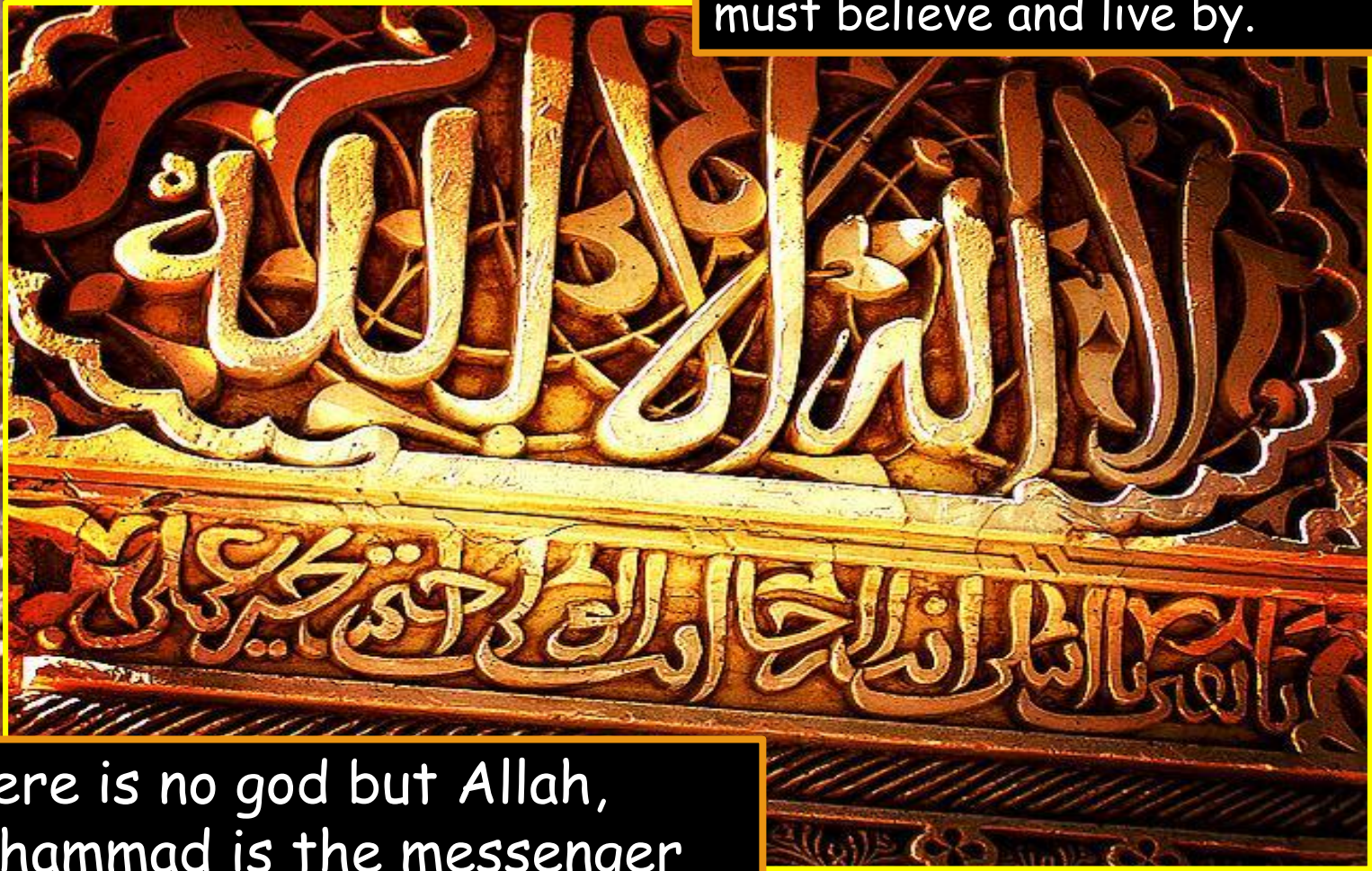
Sawm
(Fasting)

Salat
(Prayer)



Shahadah (Statement of faith)

Much like the statement you wrote about your selves, Islam has a statement that all Muslims must believe and live by.



There is no god but Allah,
Muhammad is the messenger
of God. (**Shahadah in English**)

Salat (Prayer)

Prayer is communication with God. If you have a friendship with God, Muslims believe it is important to talk to him.



Muslims pray 5 times a day and always facing Makah. This shows commitment! imagine if you had stop everything you were doing at certain times to pray? It could be tricky. What do surgeon's do?

Zakat

Money is seen as something that should be used for good purposes. Muslims must give a percentage to charity, much like Christians who tithe.



Zakat



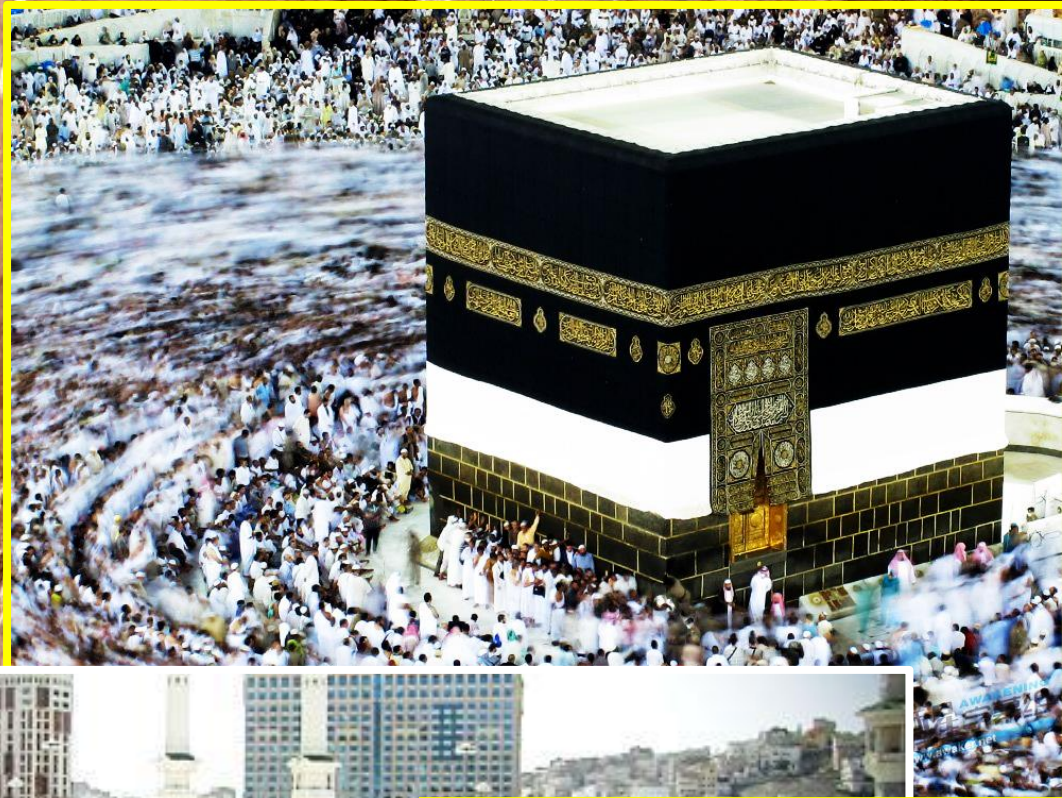
Helping needy people is a good thing. How would you feel if you had to give some of your income to charity? Is this a good thing?

Sawm
(Fasting)



Muslims choose to not eat during daylight hours for the month of Ramadan (July). This shows sacrifice and commitment, and enables Muslims to feel closer to Allah.

Hajj (Pilgrimage)



Hajj is a pilgrimage that Muslims must go on before they die as it is the 5th and final pillar. Makah is in one of the holiest Muslim places there is for Muslims in Saudi Arabia. They travel to see and touch the kabah.

Choose one of the 5 pillars of Islam that you think would be the hardest to follow.

On a white piece of paper create a poster that explains something about that rule. It must be informative and you must explain your work.

For example, if you think fasting would be the hardest then you could do a no eating, it's Ramadan sign, along with how you think it would be to go without food. What would you do for your beliefs?



Answer the following questions. You will share your ideas with the class

Shahadah: What beliefs do you have? List three of them.

Salat: Why do people pray? Give three reasons.

Zakat: Have you ever given money to charity/the poor? Should everybody give money? Why/Why not?

Sawm: Do you think it is right for us to deny ourselves of things we want? How might this help us?

Hajj: Think of a special place and time (holiday, Christmas, football match) etc. Why was it special? How did it make you feel? How might this be similar to Muslims being at the Kabah?

