Understanding Islam: A Guide to Faith and Practice

Learning objective: To describe and explain the key beliefs and practices of Islam.

Use the sentence starters and the word bank to write a detailed explanation of Islam. Think about what is important to Muslims and how they show their faith in their daily lives.

Islam is one of the world's largest religions, and people who follow it are called Muslims.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · for example · important · tradition · community · belief · sacred · devotion

1. The Core Beliefs: What do Muslims believe about God (Allah) and the Prophet Muhammad? I believe that...

2. The Five Pillars: Which of the Five Pillars are the most important? One example of a pillar is... This is important because...

3. The Holy Book: What is the Qur'an and how is it used? The Qur'an is... It teaches Muslims to...

4. Prayer and Worship: Where do Muslims go to pray and how often do they do it? Muslims pray in... They do this to...

5. Special Festivals: What happens during Eid? During the festival of Eid, Muslims... This is a time for...

6. Living the Faith: How does being a Muslim influence the way a person treats others? A Muslim might show kindness by...

Extension challenge: Can you explain the difference between a mosque and a home prayer space, and why both are special?