

Celebrating Eid: A Reflective Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha within the Muslim faith, and to identify how these festivals are celebrated by communities in the UK.

Use this fact-file to record your research about Eid. You may consult books or reliable online resources to help you complete each section. Think about the values behind the celebrations, such as gratitude, charity, and community spirit.

Word bank: Ramadan · Zakat · community · gratitude · celebration · tradition · reflection · charity · mosque · Eid-ul-Fitr · Eid-ul-Adha

1. The Meaning of Eid: Explain the difference between Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha. Why are these two festivals significant to Muslims? (4 marks)

2. Acts of Kindness: Zara the zebra is interested in 'Zakat'. Explain what this is and justify why giving to charity is a core part of the Eid celebration. (3 marks)

3. Community Connections: Compare and contrast how families prepare for Eid compared to how they celebrate on the day itself. (3 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: If you were organising a community feast to celebrate, what values would you want to promote and why? (3 marks)

5. Critical Thinking: What might happen to a community if they did not have festivals like Eid to bring them together? Justify your answer. (4 marks)

6. Global Perspective: Explain why Eid is celebrated at different times around the world depending on the sighting of the moon. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to a friend explaining the importance of Eid. Use rich, descriptive vocabulary to explain how the atmosphere changes in the community during this time. Include an original poem or a short reflective passage about the feeling of unity.