

Exploring the Beliefs and Practices of Islam

Learning objective: To describe and explain the core beliefs and practices of Islam, including the Five Pillars.

Use this writing frame to help you structure your report. Think about the key information you have learned about Islam. Use the word bank to help you link your ideas together.

Islam is a monotheistic faith followed by over a billion people worldwide, centred on the belief in one God, Allah, and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition · significantly · the Five Pillars · submission to Allah · sacred · community · devotion

1. The Five Pillars: Describe the importance of the Five Pillars in a Muslim's life. Start your paragraph by saying: The Five Pillars are essential acts of worship that provide a framework for a Muslim's daily life, such as... (3 marks)

2. Sacred Texts: Explain the significance of the Qur'an. Start your paragraph by saying: The Qur'an is considered the holy book of Islam, and it is respected because... (2 marks)

3. Places of Worship: Describe what happens in a mosque. Start your paragraph by saying: A mosque is a place of community and prayer where Muslims gather to... (2 marks)

4. Living the Faith: Explain how Muslims show their devotion in everyday life. Start your paragraph by saying: Beyond formal prayer, many Muslims show their commitment to their faith by... (2 marks)

5. Reflection: Why do you think these practices are important to the community? Start your paragraph by saying: I believe these traditions help people feel connected because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research and explain the significance of the Hajj pilgrimage. Why is it considered a life-changing experience for those who undertake the journey?