

Reflecting on Eid: A Celebration of Faith and Community

Learning objective: To describe and explain the significance of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha, reflecting on how these festivals are celebrated by Muslim communities.

Use this writing scaffold to help you construct a detailed reflection on the significance of Eid. Use the word bank to enhance your vocabulary and aim to provide thoughtful justifications for your ideas.

As the crescent moon appears in the night sky, a wave of excitement ripples through Muslim communities across the globe, signalling the arrival of Eid.

Word bank: significance · community · reflection · gratitude · charity (Zakat) · tradition · devotion · furthermore · consequently · in contrast · a profound sense of · whilst

1. What is the primary purpose of Eid-ul-Fitr, and how does this follow the period of Ramadan? Start your explanation with: 'Eid-ul-Fitr marks the conclusion of...', (3 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the focus of Eid-ul-Fitr with Eid-ul-Adha. You might begin with: 'Whilst Eid-ul-Fitr is a celebration of spiritual achievement, Eid-ul-Adha focuses on...', (4 marks)

3. Explain why Zakat (charity) is considered a vital part of the Eid celebrations. Start with: 'Giving to charity is essential because...', (3 marks)

4. Justify why community gatherings are so important during these festivals. Start with: 'The act of praying together in the mosque creates...', (3 marks)

5. What might happen if a family chose not to participate in the traditional rituals of Eid? Begin with: 'If a family were unable to observe these traditions, they might miss out on...', (3 marks)

6. Evaluate the impact that Eid has on the unity of the global Muslim community. Start with: 'Ultimately, Eid serves as a unifying force by...', (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter visiting a local community centre during Eid. Write a diary entry describing the atmosphere, the smells of the food, and the sounds of the celebration. Use rich, descriptive language to justify why such events are important for promoting peace and understanding in your town.