Community and identity

What things shape and identifies my class?

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Extension task: How might being part of a religious community affect a person's life?

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The Hajj

Imagine you are a Muslim on the Hajj; write an e-mail to a friend explaining how the Hajj experience made you feel.

Extension task: Using the template design a website which:
Either - Level 4: Describes Mecca and the Hajj
Or Level 5: Compares two or three different stages of the Hajj
Or Level 6: Evaluates the modernisation of Mecca (See article)

Reflection point: what might the Hajj mean to a Muslim?

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The Hajj

Create a twitter account of the Hajj describing the events and where possible the meaning behind the events or the possible feelings that might be felt during the Hajj.

The Islamic Community

Islam can be considered a global community; as a global community of religious believers with various lifestyles, cultures and traditions there is a set of religious practices which most Muslims believe are vital to Islamic life. These practices are called The Five Pillars of Islam.

These practices are not just a form of identity, they are believed to be a Duty, which provide support to Muslims' faith and show Obedience to God (Allah).

Reflection point: what effect might these features have on a person's life?

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Zakat

Zakat is the Systematic giving of a percentage of ones income or an amount of ones livelihood. Zakat is approached in different ways by Muslims across the world.

Case study of Zakat

Reflection point: What is the difference between duty and charity?

Reflection point: What effect might Salah have on a Muslim's daily life?

Salah – in Qur'an

What does this passage tell me about prayer?

What questions does this passage raise?

In houses which Allah has permitted to be exalted and that His name may be remembered in them; there glorify Him therein in the mornings and the evenings,

People who are not distracted by business or trade from commemorating God; they observe the Contact Prayers (Salah), Sura 24: 36-7

Top five reasons for Prayer:

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Salah

Muslim prayer is obligatory for all Muslims across the world. Prayer can take place anywhere in the world but Muslims must face towards Mecca when they pray.

Video: Salah in action

Level 3: How do Muslims pray?

Level 4: What is the purpose of prayer?

Level 5: How is prayer in Islam similar or different to other forms of prayer?

How might prayer affect a person's life?

Zakat

"People should have the right to choose what to do with their money, it is not fair to be told to give up a certain amount"

Do you agree or disagree?

Pick a person
Ask them a question
Listen to their answer
See what you think

Is Zakat a good way to give to charity?

I think that

Because
**Sawm - Fasting**

**How might fasting make you feel?**

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**Question 1:** What did the people in the video give up?

**Question 2:** What reasons did they give for fasting?

**Question 3:** Is Ramadan the same for all Muslims?

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**Shahada - Muhammad (pbuh)**

Muslims believe that Islam was gradually revealed to humanity by a number of prophets, the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) is believed to be the prophet who received the final and complete revelation of the faith in the 7th century CE.

**Question 1:** What is a prophet?

**Question 2:** Why do Muslims not allow pictures of Muhammad?

**Question 3:** What do Muslims add to Muhammad’s name?

**Question 4:** How does a person become a Muslim?

**Reflection point:** what effect might Shahada have on Muslim’s lives
Shahada - Allah

“There is no god but God and Muhammad is the prophet of God.”

What can I see in the Islamic art?

What do Muslims believe about God(Allah)?

Sawm - Why do Muslim’s fast?

In groups write a short scene which expresses why someone would choose to fast, what it means to them.

Fasting is a good way to reflect on important issues.