



Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Islam	The religion of the Muslims, a monotheistic faith regarded as revealed through Muhammad as the Prophet of Allah.
Prophet	A person who speaks on behalf of a god. Among Muslims, the prophet is called Muhammad.
Allah	The name of God among Muslims.
Eid	A Muslim festival.
Ramadan	The ninth month of the Muslim year, during which strict fasting is observed from dawn to sunset.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam.
Qur'an	The sacred text of Islam, considered by Muslims.
Faith	A strong belief in the teachings of a religion

Islam – Muhammad and the Qu'ran

Muslims believe that the teachings of the Islamic faith were made through the **Prophet Muhammad**.

He was a deeply spiritual man, and often spent time in meditation on Mount Hira.



Mount Hira, city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia; where the Prophet Muhammad often spent time mediating.

The traditional story of the **Qur'an** tells how one night he was meditating in a cave on the mountain when he was visited by the **angel Jibreel** who ordered him to recite the words of God.

The Qur'an

During the rest of his life Muhammad continued to receive these revelations. The words were remembered and recorded, and form the text of the Holy **Qu'ran**, the Muslim scripture.



Islam - Eid

Muslims will often buy new clothes and decorate their hands with henna designs.

There will be special prayer services at the mosque and people will say special **prayers** in their homes.

Muslim people will say 'Eid Mubarak!', which means 'Have a blessed Eid!'



Some Muslims draw henna patterns on their hands to celebrate



Different family members will often come together to have a feast to celebrate too.

Muslims will visit their families and have a large feast for lunch or dinner.

Islam - Ramadan

Ramadan is an important event for Muslim people. It takes place in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. This calendar is based on the moon.

Ramadan begins the morning after people see the crescent moon. It can last for 29 or 30 days. This is about one month.



Ramadan starts when the new Moon first appears in the night sky. Full moon marks the middle of Ramadan. As the moon wanes to the other side, Ramadan finishes.

Extending your learning:

What meaningful stories have you heard at home?

Can you think of any other festivals that people might celebrate in other religions that are similar to Eid and Ramadan?