



# ISLAM RELIGION



Crescent and Star

## FOUNDER

The prophet Muhammad, sometimes spelled Mohammed or Mohammad, was born in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, in 570 A.D. Muslims believe he was the final prophet sent by God to reveal their faith to mankind.

## BELIEFS

- Muslims worship one, all-knowing God, who in Arabic is known as Allah.
- The word "Islam" means "submission to the will of God."
- Followers of Islam are called Muslims.
- Followers of Islam aim to live a life of complete submission to Allah. They believe that nothing can happen without Allah's permission, but humans have free will.
- Islam teaches that Allah's word was revealed to the prophet Muhammad through the angel Gabriel.

## PLACE OF WORSHIP

Mosques are places where Muslims worship.

Followers worship Allah by praying and reciting the Quran five times a day.

They believe there will be a day of judgment, and life after death.

## HOLY BOOK

The Quran (or Koran) is the major holy text of Islam. The Hadith is another important book.



## TEACHINGS

Muslims follow the Five Pillars of Islam that are essential to their faith.

These include:

- **Shahada:** to declare one's faith in God and belief in Muhammad
- **Salat:** to pray five times a day (at dawn, noon, afternoon, sunset, and evening)
- **Zakat:** to give to those in need
- **Sawm:** to fast during Ramadan
- **Hajj:** to make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during a person's lifetime if the person is able

## MUSLIM HOLIDAYS

The two major Muslim holidays are:

**Eid al-Adha:** celebrates the Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son for Allah.

**Eid al-Fitr:** marks the end of Ramadan—the Islamic holy month of fasting.

Muslims also celebrate other holidays, such as the Islamic New Year and the birth of Muhammad.

## FIND OUT MORE

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## EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. Who founded the religion?
2. Muslims celebrate the end of fasting with what festival?
3. What is this symbol called?
4. How many pillars of Islam are there?
5. What god do Muslims believe in?
6. How many times a day do Muslims pray?
7. Where do Muslims worship?
8. The holy book is called?
9. What does the word Islam mean?
10. The holy month of pray, fasting and pilgrimage is known as what?