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How do beliefs shape identity for Muslims?

Vocab

Muslim: follow the teachings of the Qur'an.

Islam: is a religious system begun in the seventh century by Mohammed .

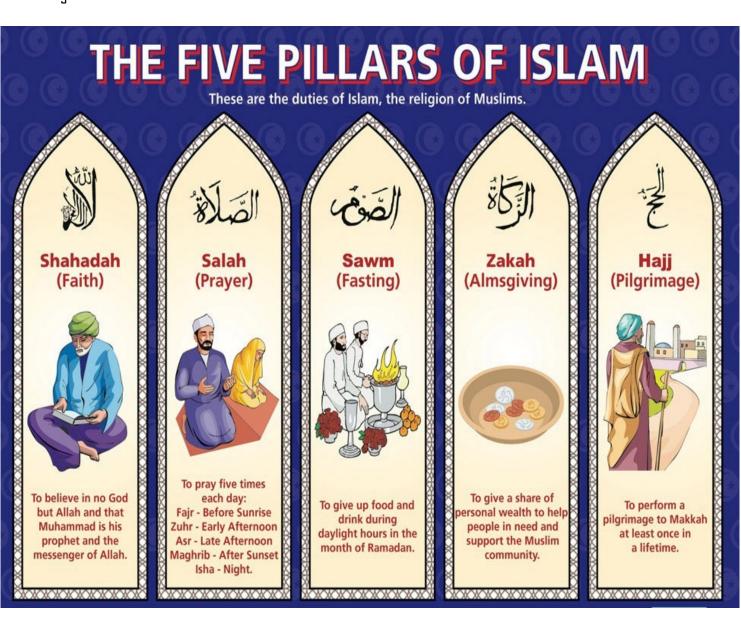
Community: is a small or large social unit (a group of living things) that has something in common such as norms, religion, values or identity.

Qur'an: is the holy Book for Muslims.

Ramadan: is a time for spiritual reflection.

Eid al-fitr: a festival when Muslims thank Allah— and it is forbidden to fast during this day.

Five Pillars of Islam: are the five obligations that every Muslim must satisfy in order to live a good and responsible life according to Islam.



Islamic Symbols



Star and Crescent Symbol in Islam

The star and crescent was the symbol of the Ottoman Empire and appears on the flags of many Muslim countries. It has come to be used as a symbol of Islam.

The Burqa is an outer garment worn by women in some Islamic communities to cover their bodies when in public. There is a rectangular mesh in front of the eyes and the cloth extends from there down to the ground completely covering the body. Muslims who adhere to this practice are forbidden by law to wear anything else. Women in the modern day have been stoned to death for not wearing the sacred veil. The Hijab (face exposed) and Niqab(eyes exposed) serve the same function but reveal more of the face. Hands and feet may be exposed as well.





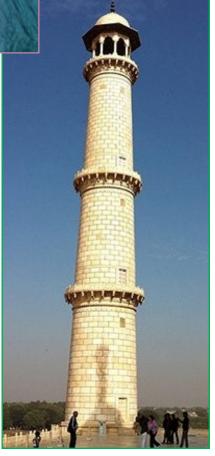
The symbol is used as a marker for the end of a chapter in Arabic calligraphy.

The Muslim name for God is "Allah," which is simply Arabic for "the (al) God (llah)..





In traditional mosque architecture, the dome is surrounded by four minarets at the corners of a large square.



The top of the minaret is usually the highest point in mosques that have one, and often the highest point in the immediate area. They are used as a place where Muslims are called to prayer.