

Year 8: The Five Pillars of Islam

RISALAH: The Prophets

Prophethood

- Allah appoints particular people to spread his messages
- These people receive **revelation** from Allah through his **Angels**
- There are 25 key **prophets** of Allah identified in the **Qur'an**, including Musa (Moses) and Isa (Jesus)

Adam

- Created specially by Allah.
- Given **dominion** over the earth by Allah
- The first human to communicate with Allah
- The first Muslim

Ibrahim

- One of Allah's most faithful servants
- Opposed **idolatry**
- Risked his life to argue for **monotheism**
- A great role-model
- An ancestor of **Muhammad**

Muhammad

- Allah's final and greatest **prophet**
- Received the **revelation of the Qur'an**
- A great teacher
- A great role-model
- A military commander
- Set up the first Muslim community in **Makkah**
- Must be respected but not worshipped

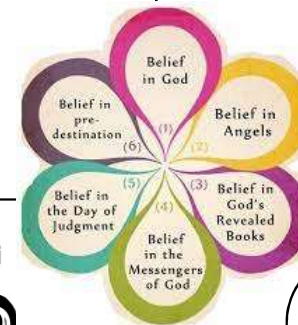
Sunni and Shi'a Islam

Sunni Muslims (majority)

- See the elected **Caliphs** as the successors of **Muhammad**
- Follow the 6 'articles of faith': **Tawhid**, the **Day of Judgement**, the **Prophets**, **Angels**, the supremacy of **Allah's will** and the authority of the **Qur'an**.

Shia Muslims (minority)

- See the **Imams** (descendants of **Muhammad**) as **Muhammad's** successors
- Believe each **Imam** must choose his successor before he dies
- Follow the 5 'roots' of Usul ad-Din: **Tawhid**, **Prophethood**, **Allah's Justice (Adalat)**, **Resurrection** and the **Imamate**



The Five Pillars

Shahadah



Faith in Allah:

declaration of faith in Allah that Muslims remember all the time

Salah



Prayer:

Saying prayers to Allah five times a day

Zakah



Giving to charity:

Giving 2.5% of their income each year to support the poor

Sawm



Fasting:

Not eating during daylight hours for the holy month of Ramadan

Hajj



Pilgrimage:

A journey to Makkah that Muslims should undertake at least once in their lives

The Qur'an

- The word of **Allah** given to **Muhammad** through **Jibril**
- Originally dictated in Arabic
- The original words have never been altered
- Infallible: corrects all previous **revelation** from God
- Divided into '**Surahs**
- Supplemented by the **Hadiths** and the **Sunnah**

