

Webquest: Ramadan

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Activity 1: Treasure hunt

Visit these websites to find the answers to the following questions.

Websites

Factmonster: www.factmonster.com/spot/ramadan1.html

Islamic Holidays and Observances: www.colostate.edu/Orgs/MSA/events/Ramadan.html

Questions

1. What is Ramadan?
2. When is Ramadan celebrated each year?
3. What differences are there between solar and lunar calendars?
4. When is Ramadan this year?
5. How do Muslims know Ramadan has begun?
6. Why do Muslims celebrate during this month?
7. What is *tarawih*?
8. What is *sawm*?
9. Why do Muslims practise *sawm*?
10. What and when do people eat during Ramadan?
11. What is Lailat ul-Qadr?
12. What is Eid al-Fitr and how is it celebrated?

Now, write a short composition about Ramadan.

Activity 2: Fasting

Below are the descriptions of six different Muslims. Some of them are expected to fast during Ramadan and some of them do not have to. Read the rules on the webpage below, under the section 'Sawm'. Then, put a tick if the person has to fast and a cross if they don't.

Website

www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/practices/sawm.shtml

1. a woman who has a five-day-old baby
2. a thirteen-year-old girl
3. a man in intensive care in a hospital
4. a businessman travelling to New York
5. a 90-year-old woman
6. a doctor

If people don't fast, what should they do instead?

Activity 3: Eid al-Fitr

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Yara is a British Muslim. Visit the website below and scroll down to watch the video. Listen to her talk about her experience of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr. Then, answer the questions below.

Website

www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/eid-alfitr-2014-what-is-it-and-how-is-the-moon-involved-9632243.html

1. What does Eid al-Fitr celebrate?
2. What things are prohibited during Ramadan?
3. Was Ramadan difficult for Yara?
4. How is Eid al-Fitr celebrated?

Look at the pictures showing Muslims around the world celebrating Eid al-Fitr. Discuss the pictures with a partner as you look at them. Which is the most interesting or beautiful and why?

Website

www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/10231285/In-Pictures-Eid-al-Fitr.html?frame=2638995