

# What do Muslims Celebrate?

**Today we will be...**

Finding out about the Hajj.



The Hajj is a special pilgrimage that all Muslims are meant to go on before they die.



What is a pilgrimage?

Think, pair, share.



A pilgrimage is a special journey. The Hajj is a pilgrimage to a city called Mecca in Saudi Arabia. It is often called the great pilgrimage by Muslims.

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Why is Mecca important to Muslims?

Think, pair, share.



Muhammad was born in Mecca. When Muslims go on this pilgrimage they remember Muhammad's journey to Mecca from Medina with the first Muslims. Mecca is such an important place for Muslims that non-Muslims are not allowed to visit it.

The Prophet and his companions advancing on Mecca, with the angels.



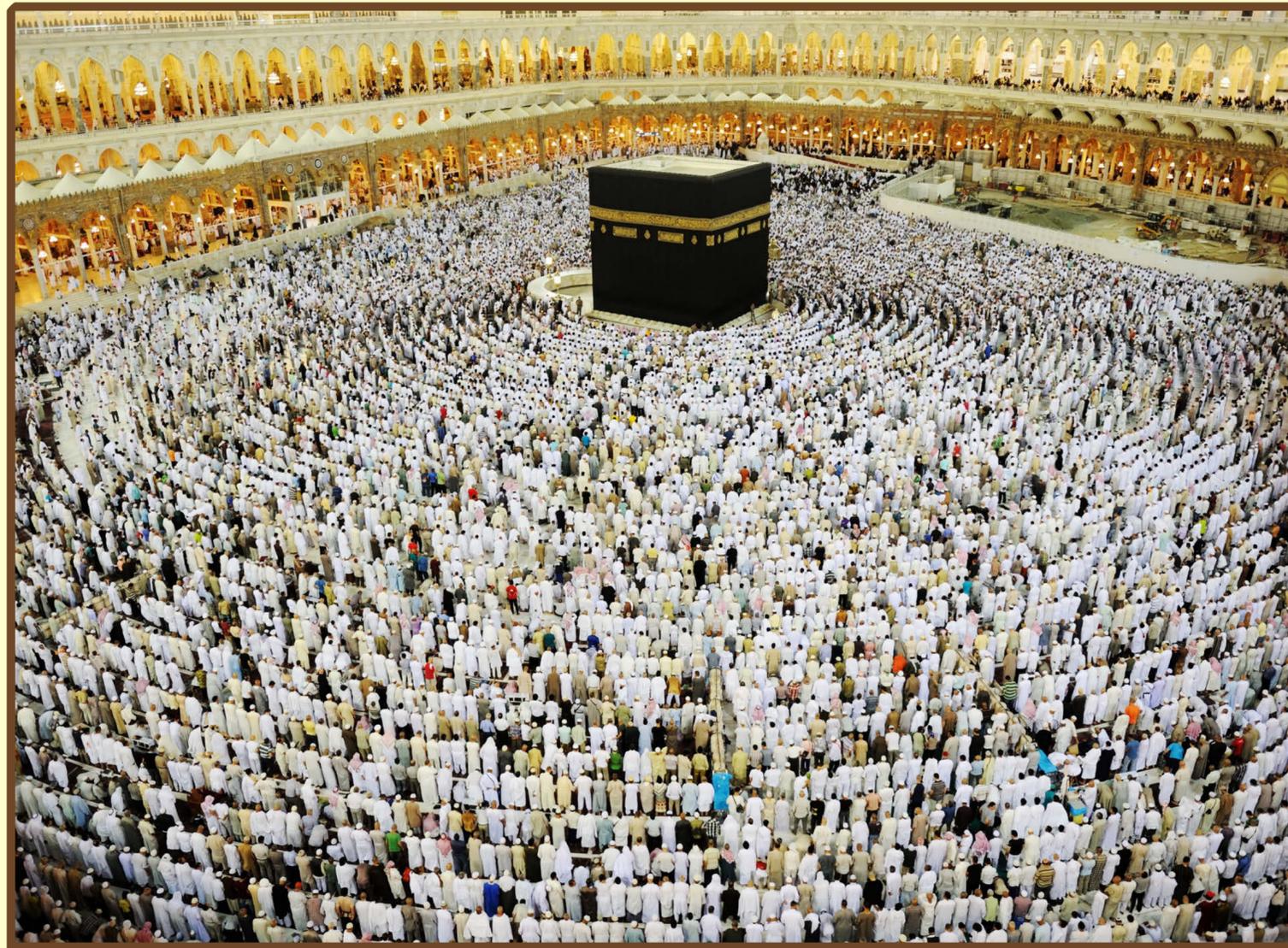


Going on this pilgrimage to Mecca is meant to improve community bonds for Muslims. During the Hajj all Muslims are equal. All the pilgrims wear white clothes called Ihram. This means there is no way to tell if people are wealthy or important.



Mecca is the holiest city in the religion of Islam. When Muslims arrive there they have to walk seven times around the Kaaba.

The Kaaba is cube-shaped. It marks the centre of



the Muslim world. After each circuit around the Kaaba, Muslims have to either kiss or point to the black stone. When they have walked around it seven times they pray.



The next slide shows a timeline of all the Muslim celebrations we have explored during this scheme of work.

What can you remember about each celebration?



Islamic New Year

1 Muḥarram

21.09.17  
11.09.18  
31.08.19  
19.08.20

Mawlid al-Nabi

12 or 17 Rabi' al-Awwal

30.11.17  
20.11.18  
9.11.19  
28.10.20

Eid al-Fitr

1 Shawwāl

14.06.18  
04.06.19  
23.05.20  
12.05.21

Day of Ashura

10 Muḥarram

29.09.17  
20.09.18  
9.09.19  
28.08.20

First day of Ramaḍān

1 Ramaḍān

15.05.18  
05.05.19  
23.04.20  
12.04.21

Hajj

8-13 Dhū al-Ḥijja

19.08.18  
09.08.19  
28.07.20  
19.07.21

