

DEATH - ISLAM

All Muslims hope that the Shahadah will be the last words they will say before dying. They believe that the body will be resurrected at the Day of Judgment so Muslims are always buried.

To find out more about what happens when a Muslim dies:

READ Skills 3 pages 76 - 77

And then...

WRITE a few sentences to explain what happens from the time when a person is dying to the time when a gravestone is put into place.

At Eid - Ul - Fitr Muslims visit cemeteries to pray at the graves of relatives who have died. As well as remembering the dead it also reminds them of the temporary nature of this life and the importance of living correctly to ensue eternal life.

Muslims do not claim to know for certain what happens after death but all believe in the Day of Judgment. When that time comes everyone in heaven and earth will die then rise to life to be judged. Angels will open the books in which are recorded each person's good and bad deeds. These will be weighted. The faithful and true believers will go to paradise. The unbelievers and worshippers of other gods will go to hell. Only martyrs are granted immediate entrance into paradise. For them there is no judgment because in dying for Allah any bad deeds are wiped off the record.

To find out more about the Muslim's view of life after death:

READ Islam p44

And then...

EXPLAIN what is meant by the term Akhirah

And then...

READ Skills 3 pages 74 - 75

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DO 'Things to Do' number 2 and 3.

EVALUATION/DISCUSSION

Is it a good thing to show too much grief at a funeral or pay for an expensive gravestone?

Why do Muslims prefer to have their own cemeteries? Is this a good idea?

Is euthanasia a good idea?