

MAIN BELIEFS IN ISLAM

1.TAUHID/TAWHID

‘There is only one God Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet’

READ Islam p40-41

And then...

DEFINE the word Tauhid/Tawhid

And then...

WRITE down the influence of Tauhid/Tawhid on a Muslim’s life (i.e. what a true Muslim should do)

2. UMMAH – The world wide Islamic Community

Muslims believe that we are all one family. There are no chosen races. All people belong to God and are equal, whatever their colour, language or nationality.

UMMAH describes the feeling of love and respect for others. Other words used to describe Ummah are **Family Feeling, Brotherhood, and Kinship.**

DESCRIBE three events that show Ummah

EVALUATION/DISCUSSION

Why do Muslims believe it is impossible to describe God in human terms?

3. RISALAH

READ Examining Islam p34

And then...

DEFINE the words Risalah and Rasul (give examples of Rasul)

4. JIHAD

READ Examining Islam p49

And then...

EXPLAIN the word Jihad

And then...

READ Examining Islam p126

And then...

EXPLAIN about Great and Military Jihad

DISCUSSION/EVALUATION

How far would you go for what you believe or for your religion?

5. SUNNI / SHI'AH

Islam is split into two main groups Sunni and Shi'ah. Sunni is the much larger of the two. When Muhammad died there were great arguments as to who should be the next Caliph (leader).

Some felt it should be Ali who was the father of Muhammad's grand children, and who they felt he had been trained by Muhammad to lead the people. The next leaders would be the grandsons Hasan and Husayn. Followers of this line became **SHI'ITES** However others believed that the next Caliph should be elected so that the best man would succeed, and not start a family line of rulers, like kings. Followers of this line are **SUNNIS**

READ Islam p81

And then...

MAKE a table showing the differences between Shi'ah and Sunni Islam