

Islam Beliefs: Knowledge Organiser

The nature of Allah	
Tawhid	Belief that Allah is one, unique and supreme. - Allah is not shown in statues or drawings
Omnipotence	Allah is all-powerful and has control over everything.
Mercy	Allah is compassionate and forgiving.
Beneficence	Allah is loving and kind to humanity.
Adalat	Allah is perfectly just and fair.
Imminence	Allah is inside the universe so he can affect it.
Transcendence	Allah is outside the universe due to his power.
99 Names of Allah	99 names to help Muslims understand Allah, e.g. the merciful or the friend
Key Quote:	“Say, ‘He is God the One, God the eternal. He begot no one nor was He begotten. No one is comparable to Him” Qur’an Surah 112

Authority and revelation	
The Qur’an	The final and perfect word of Allah, revealed to Muhammad. - Always the highest book in a room - Not placed directly on the floor - Not translated to avoid changing its meaning
Revelation	Allah making his will known to humans.
Risalah (Prophethood)	Belief that Allah sent prophets to guide humanity as messengers and role models.
Hadith	Sayings of the prophet Muhammad, help Muslims to follow his example as a role model
The Night of Power	The night Muhammad received the first revelation.
Holy Books	Tawrat (Torah), Zabur (Psalms), Injil (Gospels) – revealed by Allah but later corrupted; Qur’an unchanged.

Key Prophets	Holy book	Key facts
Adam	NA	- First man and prophet, made a steward of Earth by Allah - Forgiven by Allah for eating forbidden fruit
Ibrahim (Abraham)	Scrolls of Ibrahim	- Was prepared to sacrifice his son for Allah - Rebuilt the Ka’ba in Mecca
Isa (Jesus)	Injil (Gospels)	- Was a prophet, but was only a man rather than God - Never died, was taken up to heaven by Allah
Muhammad	Qur’an	- Visited by the Angel Jibril in a cave above Mecca - Told to ‘Read, Read in the name of your Lord’ three times, this is the first part of the Qur’an - Had the whole Qur’an revealed to him over the rest of his life - Things he said are now a guide for Muslims, Hadiths
Key Quote	‘Read, read in the name of your Lord!’ Qur’an	

Angels	
Angels	Spiritual beings with no free will who are made from light, carry out Allah’s will and record human actions for judgement day.
Jibril	Reveals Allah’s messages e.g. Gave Qur’an to Muhammad and told Mary she was pregnant with Isa (Jesus).
Mika’il	Guardian of heaven, angel of mercy and controller of weather.
Key Quote	"Every person has angels before him and behind, watching over him by God’s command" Qur’an

Life after death	
Akhirah	Belief in life after death.
Day of Judgement	Allah judges all humans and decides their eternal fate.
Human Accountability	Humans are responsible for their actions and will be judged. - This life is a test to earn our afterlife
Resurrection	Belief humans will come back to live in their bodies on judgement day
Key Quote	“The trumpet will be sounded and -lo and behold! – they will rush to their lord from their graves”

Free Will and Predestination	
Supremacy of Allah’s Will	Everything happens according to Allah’s plan. - Reassures Muslims that even bad things should be accepted
Predestination	Human lives are already known by Allah, Allah knows what our free choices will be.
Human Freedom	Humans can choose their actions and are accountable. - Important for the idea of judgement day
Key Quote	“Misfortunes can only happen with God’s permission” Qur’an

Sunni Muslims	Shi’a Muslims
Believe Aku Bakr was Muhammad’s successor	Believe Ali was Muhammad’s successor
6 Articles of Faith	5 Roots of Usul Ad-Din
Tawhid	Tawhid
Risalah (prophethood)	Risalah (prophethood)
Day of judgement and resurrection	Day of judgement and resurrection
Angels	Adalat (Gods fairness and justice)
Holy books	Imamate – Belief in 12 imams, leaders, appointed by God, starting with Ali. They can understand the Qur’an perfectly and the 12 th is in hiding waiting for judgement day.
Supremacy of Allah’s will	