

Expressing

Year: 6 Term: 3

Key question: Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?

There are both similarities and differences between Christian and Muslim sacred buildings.

- Muslim and Christian ideas (e.g. from scriptures) about the importance of being generous and charitable, ranking the ideas according to their importance, and applying them to issues about poverty and charity.
- Christians and Muslims think giving money away is important, and the difference this makes, both to those who give and to those who receive.
- Christian and Muslim have different ideas about art (e.g. contrasting views on presenting or not presenting God or people in art; use of calligraphy/ geometrical art vs representational art, narrative art from the life of Jesus and the art inspired by the text of the Qur'an).
- Art and actions can reveal what people believe about God (e.g. cathedrals and mosques might express ideas of greatness and perfection of God; actions might suggest that God is concerned with justice).
- Some people may be critical of religious art/ architecture, and why some would defend it as important.
- Which has greater impact - art or charity? Consider what the world would be like without great art or architecture. What about a world without charity or generosity?

Vocabulary

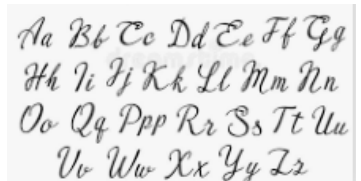
charity	Generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering/also aid given to those in need.
generosity	Someone who is happy to give time, money, food, or kindness to people in need.
architecture	The science and art of designing buildings.
calligraphy	The art of beautiful handwriting.
Christianity	The belief that God sent Jesus to live as a human being in order to save humanity from the consequences of its sins.
Islam	An Arabic word meaning submission and obedience.
geometrical	A kind of mathematics that deals with shapes and figures.
sacred	A religious term, showing great respect.
scripture	writings that are regarded as holy in a particular religion, for example the Bible in Christianity.



Islamic geometrical designs.

Key Questions:

- What makes a place special?
- How do mosque buildings express Islamic beliefs and values?
- What is inspiring? Muslim calligraphy, painting and poetry.
- How do Christians use art in worship?
- How and why do Muslim charities and Christian Aid try to change the world?
- What matters more: art and architecture or generosity and charity?



Calligraphy