Year 11 R&E – Faith Traditions

Islam

Read the handout about The Five Pillars of Islam.

Task:

List the five Pillars of Islam and briefly explain the meaning of each one.

1. Shahada – Declaration of Faith. Brief prayer proclaiming the oneness of God and faith in Islam. “there is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is the messenger of Allah. Written in Arabic.
2. Salat – Pray towards Mecca five times a day. They must pray at dawn, at noon, in the afternoon, at sunset and in the evening.
3. Zakat – Almsgiving or welfare contribution. Each person must give 2 ½ %of their wealth to the poor. The Koran addresses this as an essential quality of an honest Muslim, a gateway to heaven.
4. Sawm – Fasting during Ramadam.
5. Hajj – Pilgramage to Mecca.