

Year 6 Summer 1 – Islam

Key facts

- Sunni Islam is the largest branch of Islam, followed by 85–90% of the world's Muslims. Its name comes from the word Sunnah, referring to the behaviour of Muhammad. (Peace be upon him)
- Shia Islam is followed by 10-15% of the world's Muslims.
- Sunni Muslims wanted to select Muhammad's (Peace be upon him) successor by following the traditional Arab custom (Sunna).
- Shia Muslims insisted the Prophet had designated his cousin and son-in-law Ali as his legitimate heir. This group was called Shia Ali, or 'Party of Ali', from which comes the word Shia.

Counties that are Sunni and countries that are Shia.



Sunni



Shia

Vocabulary

- Sunni
- Sunnah
- Saudi Arabia
- legitimate heir
- Shia
- Shiites
- ayatollahs

We are thinking about:

How important are the similarities and differences between and within religions to Muslims?