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WALT understand the purpose of a mosque

I can:

- ✓ Discuss Muslim Art
- ✓ Find out about the History of Mosques
- ✓ Have an opinion on the purpose of a Mosque.

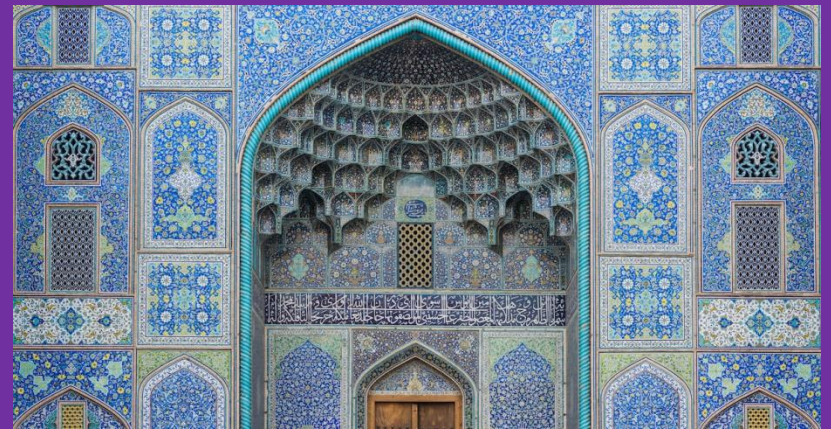
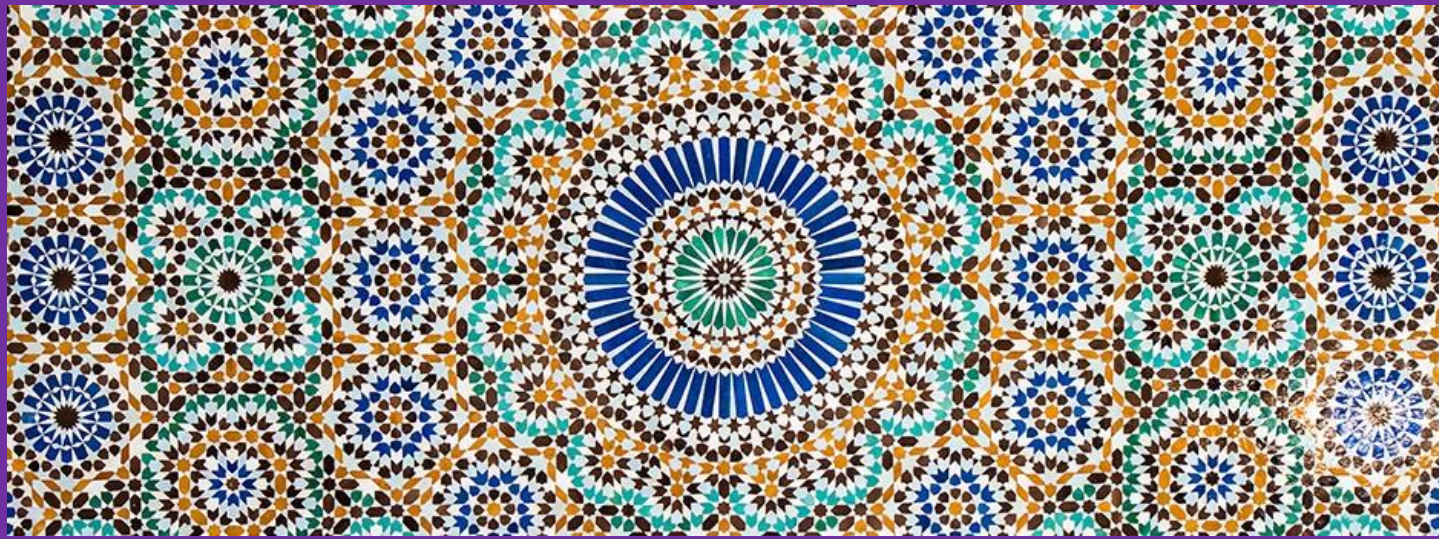
Is it better to express your
religion in arts and
architecture or in charity
and generosity?

What do you know about mosques and the Muslim community?

- Jot down what you already know.

Muslim Art

- In Islamic art and architecture there are no images of Allah and for many Muslims no image of humans because they mislead rather than enlighten us. Instead geometric and natural pattern is used to create beauty.



Finding out about Mosques

- Visit this website to find out information about Mosques and when they were built.
- www.wokingmosque.org.uk/

Activity 1 – Why does Britain have more than 1750 mosques?

- You have been given a set of answer cards. Rank them in order – which one gives the best explanation of the reasons for the number of mosques in our country?
- Think about why you think they are good explanations.

Activity 2

- Click on this website and look at the different mosques – choose six that you like.
- Complete this sentence for each mosque
I think this one is beautiful because.....

Which idea do you think is best?

1. A mosque should be beautiful because it is for a beautiful activity: praying to the Creator of beauty is easier in the beautiful surroundings.
2. Mosques are not an alternative to giving money for the poor: Muslims do both because worshipping Allah and helping the needy are both really important.
3. God hears your prayer anywhere. No special place is needed to pray. A clean heart, a clean body and a clean prayer mat are all you need. So Muslims today should spend less on mosques and more on feeding the poor.
4. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that whoever builds a mosque on earth, God will build them a house in Paradise, so it is a good way to prepare for life after death.