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**5 Pillars of Islam Poster**

**50 points Homework**

Directions: Create a poster to show the Five Pillars of Islam.

* Box 1: Title Box
  + Include: Title, your name, Due Date, Class Period
* Boxes 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6: Five Pillars of Islam
  + Include:
    - Name of pillar in English
    - Name of pillar in Arabic
    - Description of the pillar
    - Picture or symbol of the pillar

**What are the Five Pillars of Islam (Review)?**

**1. Shahaadah (testimony of faith)**  
The "Shahaadah" or "testimony of faith" is the greatest of the pillars of Islam. This is a spiritual and public declaration that there is only one God, Allah, and that Muhammad was his messenger. The Shahaadah consists of the phrase: “La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadur rasoolu Allah,” meaning "There is none worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah." Muslims believe that the speaking of these words with true belief by a Muslim at least once in his or her life is the true declaration of his/her faith.   
**2. Salat (prayer)**  
The Salat (prayer) is the act of communication between the worshipper and God. Muslims perform five prayers every day: at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset and night. Though a mosque (Muslim holy building) is the place where prayers are usually performed, a Muslim may pray anywhere - inside their home or outside, in schools, [workplaces](http://www.theholidayspot.com/eid_ul_fitr/the_five_pillars_of_islam.htm) or elsewhere. Each of the five prayers take only a few minutes.

**3. Zakat (charity)**  
According to Islam, everything belongs to God and human beings are only trusted with the control of [wealth](http://www.theholidayspot.com/eid_ul_fitr/the_five_pillars_of_islam.htm) by God. By giving part of their things and money to needy persons, the wealth of a Muslim is supposed to be "purified" and it is also believed to increase. Thus, charity, or "Zakat", is an important pillar of Islam faith.

**4. Sawm (fasting)**  
In Islamic tradition, much importance is attached to the ritual of Sawm (fasting). The ninth month of the Islamic calendar, Ramadan, is supposed to be a time when Muslims should fast during the entire daytime, eating only after sundown and in the hours before dawn. The whole month is a time when Muslims should not only keep themselves away from foods but also abstain from drinking. The purpose of "Sawm" is to cut off the body from all worldly pleasures for a month. To do this allows the mind to concentrate on [spiritual](http://www.theholidayspot.com/eid_ul_fitr/the_five_pillars_of_islam.htm) thoughts and actions that take one closer to God. “Sawm” is also held to be a kind of reflection for one's sins. However, the sick, elderly people, and pregnant are allowed to break the fast due to their health.   
**5. Hajj (pilgrimage)**  
The Hajj (pilgrimage) is held to be one of the most important pillars of Islam. One of the capitals of Saudi Arabia, Mecca is located in the western part of the country. It is regarded as the birthplace of Muhammad and is considered to be the holiest city for the followers of Islam. Every male and female Muslim who is physically and financially able to do so must make the "hajj" to Mecca at least once in their lifetime. For any Muslim, the "hajj" is a matter of great importance and honor. On completion of the pilgrimage, he/she is highly respected in his/her community.