

RAMADAN



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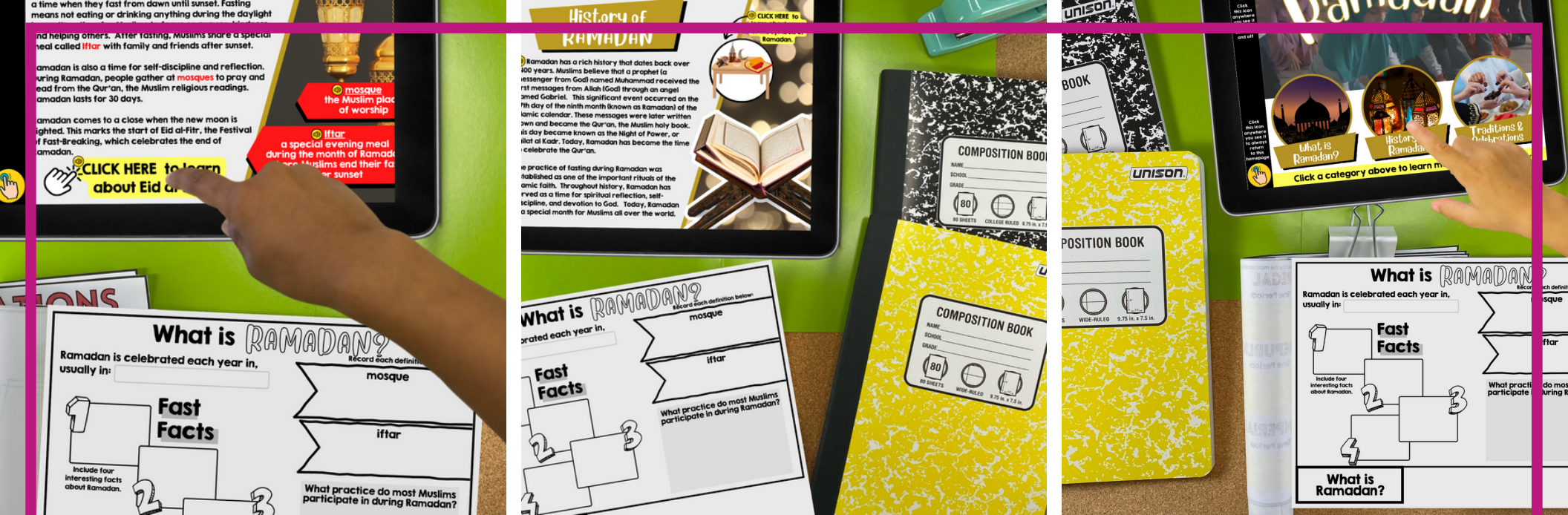
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What is RAMADAN

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10 Ramadan is a special month for Muslims all around the world. The exact dates change each year, however, Ramadan usually takes place in March, April, or May. It's a time when they fast from dawn until sunset. Fasting means not eating or drinking anything during the daylight hours. It's a time for Muslims to focus on prayer, kindness, and helping others. After fasting, Muslims share a special meal called **iftar** with family and friends after sunset.

Ramadan is also a time for self-discipline and reflection. During Ramadan, people gather at **mosques** to pray and read from the Qur'an, the Muslim religious readings. Ramadan lasts for 30 days.

Ramadan comes to a close when the new moon is sighted. This marks the start of Eid al-Fitr, the Festival of Fast-Breaking, which celebrates the end of Ramadan.

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iftar
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[CLICK HERE to learn about Eid al-Fitr.](#)

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10 Eid al-Fitr is a joyful celebration for Muslims worldwide, lasting three days to mark the end of Ramadan. It begins with a special prayer on the first morning, followed by exchanging gifts and wearing new clothes. Families and friends gather, sharing special greetings. Sweet treats are enjoyed, like ma'amoul, a delicious cookie filled with dates and nuts. It's also a time for helping others by giving donations. Eid al-Fitr is all about being thankful and kind, and it shows how well Ramadan went.

after sunset

10 Use the button on the camera to scroll through the photos.

Symbols of Ramadan

10 Click on each number below to learn about some of the symbols of Ramadan.

History of RAMADAN

[CLICK HERE to learn about some of the symbols of Ramadan.](#)

10 Ramadan has a rich history that dates back over 1,400 years. Muslims believe that a prophet (a messenger from God) named Muhammad received the first messages from Allah (God) through an angel named Gabriel. This significant event occurred on the 27th day of the ninth month (known as Ramadan) of the Islamic calendar. These messages were later written down and became the Qur'an, the Muslim holy book. This day became known as the Night of Power, or Lailat al Kadr. Today, Ramadan has become the time to celebrate the Qur'an.

The practice of fasting during Ramadan was established as one of the important rituals of the Islamic faith. Throughout history, Ramadan has served as a time for spiritual reflection, self-discipline, and devotion to God. Today, Ramadan is a special month for Muslims all over the world.

10 Since the Islamic calendar is based on the cycle of the moon, the **crescent moon** is often used to signify the start and finish of Ramadan.

When they see the crescent moon, it means Ramadan has started, and they fast from sunrise to sunset. At the end of Ramadan, when they see the crescent moon again, it means it's time to celebrate Eid al-Fitr.

10 **Dates** are special fruits eaten to end the fast during Ramadan. They're important because they remind people of Prophet Muhammad, who liked to eat dates to break his fast. They also stand for having enough food to eat and feeling strong.

Traditions & CELEBRATIONS

10 Fasting (or refusing to eat or drink) is one of the main traditions of Ramadan. Other traditions include reciting and studying the Qur'an and performing extra prayers called Taraweeh.

Families will also attend special mosque gatherings and share meals after sunset called iftar. During Ramadan, Muslims will also give money to charities through a special donation called Zakat.

At the end of the month, families celebrate Eid al-Fitr by praying, enjoying delicious treats to end their fasting, and even exchanging gifts.

10 The **Qur'an** is the holy book of Islam, believed by Muslims to be the word of God as revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is written in Arabic and consists of 114 chapters called surahs, which vary in length. The Qur'an serves as a guide for Muslims in all aspects of life, providing spiritual guidance, moral teachings, and laws for living a righteous life.



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AUDIO SUPPORT



Perfect for English
language learners
or students who
could use a little
extra support!

The tablet screen shows an interactive page titled "Traditions & CELEBRATIONS". The page includes a "Sound On" button, a speaker icon, and a hand icon. The text describes the main traditions of Ramadan, including fasting, reciting the Qur'an, Taraweeh prayers, iftar meals, and Zakat. It also mentions the celebration of Eid al-Fitr at the end of the month. The page is decorated with circular images of a woman in prayer, Ramadan gifts, a mosque with balloons, and a mosque building.

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Teacher & Student Resources

Lesson Plan

LESSON

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:
 What is Ramadan?
 How is Ramadan celebrated around the world?

Standards Covered

N/A

Materials Needed

Ramadan LINKtivity®
 Ramada Student Flipbook (optional)
 Phases of the Moon Poster
 Video: *Why Does the Moon Change*

Teacher Preparation

Preview the Ramadan LINKtivity® and plan for how you will share the LINKtivity with students (ex. assign link in Google Classroom, prepare QR codes, etc)
 Make copies of the flipbook (optional).
 Print a copy of the Phases of the Moon Poster.
 Preview the movie: *Why Does the Moon Change?* by SciShow Kids

Lesson Introduction (5-10 min.)

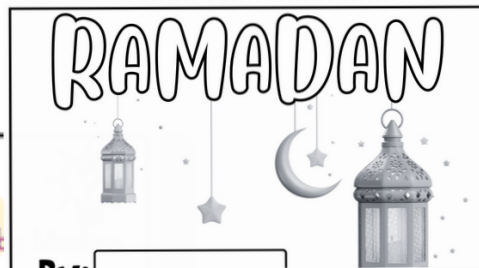
- Introduce the essential questions.
- **ASK:** "What observations have you made about the moon before? For example, have you noticed how we see different parts of the moon throughout the month?"
- **Watch:** *Why Does the Moon Change?* ([CLICK HERE](#))
- Display and discuss the phases of the moon poster. Afterward, explain to the students that many cultures throughout history have used the moon to keep track of time. For instance, Muslims, who follow Islam, use a lunar calendar based on the phases of the moon to mark different seasons of the religious year. One month in this calendar is...

Lesson Activity (20 min.)

Have students complete the **Ramadan LINKtivity®**. V navigating the LINKtivity, have the option to complete the **flipbook**.

Optional Extension

- Have students create a lantern (a major decoration for Ramadan). [Click her tutorial.](#)
- Use Google Earth to explore...



By:

What is RAMADAN?
 Ramadan is celebrated each year, it usually takes place in _____

Record each definition below:

mosque

iftar

What practice do most Muslims participate in during Ramadan?

Fast Facts

Include four interesting facts about Ramadan.

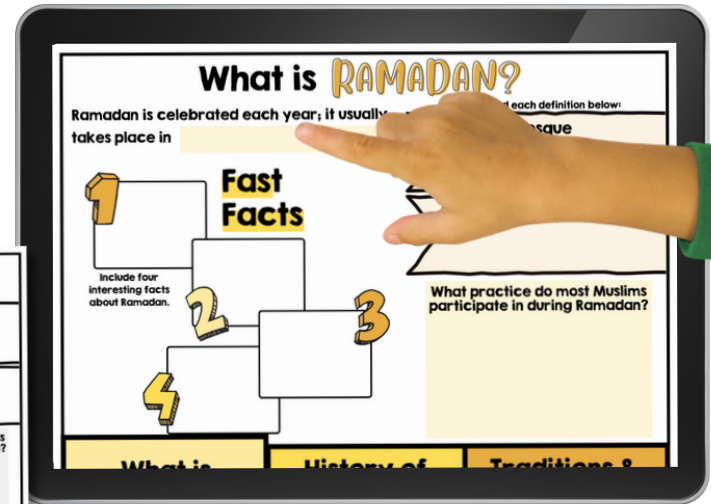
History of RAMADAN
 In your own words, explain the history of Ramadan:

Draw some symbols that represent Ramadan.

Traditions & CELEBRATIONS
 Families celebrate Ramadan by...

The most interesting thing I learned about Ramadan was:

Traditions & Celebrations



Digital Flipbook for LINKtivity in Google Slides

Student Flipbook Rubric

	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Satisfactory	1 - Needs Improvement
Neatness & Appearance	My flipbook is very neat and easy to read. I've neatly colored in any illustrations with great detail. It is clear that I took my time to make my flipbook reflect my learning.	My flipbook is neat and my writing is easy to read. I've neatly colored in any illustrations.	My flipbook is somewhat neat. Some of my writing is hard to read. I've colored in any illustrations.	My flipbook is quite sloppy. My writing is hard to read. Illustrations are NOT colored, or are sloppily done.
Accuracy & Completeness	The information in my flipbook is 100% correct. I've included many details from the LINKtivity and have put what I've learned clearly in my own words. I have included information that goes above and beyond what is required.	The information in my flipbook is mostly correct. I've included several details from the LINKtivity, written neatly in my own words. My flipbook includes all of the required written responses.	My flipbook contains several incorrect or missing pieces of information. The information in my flipbook lacks details from the LINKtivity.	My flipbook has many incorrect or missing pieces of information. I struggled to use the information from the LINKtivity to complete my flipbook correctly.
Spelling & Grammar	My flipbook is free from errors.			

Answer Key & Rubric

What is RAMADAN?
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a special evening meal during the month of Ramadan where Muslims and their fast after sunset

What practice do most Muslims participate in during Ramadan?

Muslim people fast from dawn until sunset during the 30 days of Ramadan. Fasting means they do not eat or drink anything during the daylight hours.

Fast Facts

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Ramadan is a special month for Muslims all around the world to focus on fasting, prayer, kindness, and helping others.

After fasting, Muslims share a special meal called iftar with family & friends after sunset.

Facts will vary, sample responses shown.

Ramadan comes to a close when the new moon is sighted.

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What is Ramadan?

Phases of the Moon



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