

Islam — Hajj and Eid-ul-Adha



Panel debate teachers' information

In a panel debate, the class can be divided into teams to discuss their arguments. Each team is assigned a character, from whose point of view they will try to argue. One spokesperson should then be chosen from each team to sit on the 'panel'. The teacher acts as chairperson. The panel members, helped by contributions (questions or points of view) from the rest of the class in the 'audience', debate the topic.

It is important to brief the class before starting about the conventions for class debate, such as listening to others, raising hands to show they want to make a point and speaking respectfully about the views of others, even if they disagree. At the end of the debate, the class should vote, giving their own personal opinion. They should also be encouraged to think about why people read religious books, and why in many religions reading holy scripture is considered to be so important.

Should young people be encouraged to read material which will have a good influence on them?

