

Starter: Islamic and Christian Art

TRUE

FALSE

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4. Most Christians believe that God came to earth; He became incarnate as Jesus, we can understand God by using images of Jesus and other humans.		
5. Christians never have writing in their art work.		
6. Muslims use beautiful writing called calligraphy – it is usually taken from the Quran and is in Arabic.		
7. Both religions often depict paradise as a beautiful garden.		
8. Only in Islamic art will there be a strong emphasis on colour and symbolism.		
9. Islamic art often features geometric designs and swirling patterns called arabesques .		
10. Christian art has often been used to help people understand the stories in the Bible and of the lives of saints. It is a graphic way of communicating beliefs through pictures of people		

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ANSWERS

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<p>1. Muslims do not allow any art. FALSE - Muslims have lots of rich and beautiful art</p>		✓
<p>2. Christians worship idols. FALSE - Christians do not regard the images of Jesus, prophets or saints as idols; they are ways of understanding God. They are not treated as God, just images that show an aspect of God's love. Other faiths may regard the use of images within Christianity as idolatry.</p>		✓
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<p>5. Christians never have writing in their art work. FALSE - Often Christians do have writing in their art work. Some can be seen in stained glass windows and paintings. Medieval monks had a special room (a scriptorium) set aside just for writing texts beautifully. The first letters of chapters of the Bible would be beautifully illuminated. See: http://images.google.com/images?hl=en&biw=1362&bih=563&gbv=2&tbm=isch&sa=1&q=book+of+kells+letters&aq=1&aqi=g10&aql=&oq=book+of+kells</p>		✓
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isay: exhibition notes

Name:

God, Truth and the Meaning of Life

I have chosen to stay within the..... religious rules for art because:

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My image shows:

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I chose to use these colours because:

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The symbols in my image are trying to convey that:

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The central beliefs or life philosophy at the heart of my picture are:

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I hope the viewer will feel and notice:

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I would also like to add:

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Homework sheet:

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