

## Muhammad in Makkah and Madinah and Muslim Way of Life

Key words and phrases	
<b>polytheism</b>	The belief in many gods.
<b>convert</b>	Someone who changes their religion or worldview.
<b>Hijrah</b>	Muhammad’s emigration from Makkah to Madinah. The start of the Islamic calendar.
<b>Revelation</b>	The Muslim belief that revelations are the words or messages from God.
<b>Makkah/ Mecca</b>	The holiest city in the religion of Islam and the birthplace of Muhammad.

### Significant events in Makkah which led to the emigration of prophet Muhammad and other Muslims from Makkah to Madinah:

1. Muhammad began preaching about Islam in public and some people stopped believing in many gods and converted to Islam.
2. Wealthy merchants in Makkah opposed Muhammad and tried to stop him preaching.
3. Muhammad accepted an offer from leaders of Madinah and moved in secret with groups of his followers.
4. Muhammad and his friend Abu Bakr arrived in Madinah safely.

### Significant fasts and festivals within Islam

1. The month of Ramadan is a time for spiritual reflection, prayer, doing good deeds and spending time with family and friends.
2. Eid al-Fitr means: 'festival of the breaking of the fast' and it is one of the biggest celebrations in the Islamic year.

