

### KS3 Assessment: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Muslims believe that Islam as a religion formed when **Allah** gave his **final message** to **Muhammad** - the **Qur'an**. For this reason, Muslims believe that Muhammad is the **Last Prophet** of the 124000 prophets Allah has sent including Adam, Abraham, Moses and Jesus. He was also to become a great religious and political leader

Muhammad was born in **Makkah**, Saudi Arabia in 570 CE. His parents died when he was very young and he was brought up by his grandfather and then his uncle. He grew up in Makkah during the **Age of Ignorance**, which for Muslims was a city and time of sin, corruption, and crime. The people of Makkah also worshipped many gods in the form of idols - **polytheists**. Growing up in Makkah Muhammad became known for being honest, generous, and wise, and he believed that there can only be one true God - **Allah**.

Muhammad would climb the **Mountain of Light** to meditate in the **Cave of Hira**. When he was 40, the angel **Jibril** visited him whilst he was meditating with a **message** from Allah. The first message was received on the **Night of Power**. Muhammad continued to receive messages from Allah for over 23 years. The first person to believe him was his wife, **Khadijah**.

Muhammad's friends and family became his first and most loyal followers - the **Companions**. He preached Allah's messages to the people of Makkah, but they did not accept him, they ridiculed him, and then turned on him because he criticised them for being bad people.

However, people from the city of **Yathrib** were impressed by Muhammad's claim to being the **Messenger of God** and invited him to live with them. Muhammad accepted and built the first **mosque** there and taught how to practise the religion of Islam - **Five Pillars**. His departure from Makkah to Yathrib is known as the **Hijrah** and is the start of the **Muslim calendar**. Yathrib also became known as **al-Madinah - City of the Prophet**. In 630 CE Muhammad and his Companions conquered Makkah and gradually converted everyone to Islam.

After Muhammad's death the revelations he received from Allah - which he would recite to his Companions - were collected together to form the **Qur'an**.

For Muslims worldwide Muhammad is:

- i. The Last Prophet of God - **Seal of the Prophets**.
- ii. The man who received the will and law of God - **Qur'an** - and lived by it.
- iii. The teacher who taught Muslims how to practise the religion of Islam - **Five Pillars**.
- iv. The **Perfect Muslim** but not to be worshipped as he was a man.
- v. The great leader of early Islam in religious and political matters.