

Lesson # 7

Subject: History

Date:

Class: form 3

Time and Duration: 11:30 – 12:10

Topic: Two Major Feasts of Islam

Rationale: Unlike in the past during Dr. Banda's regime, some Islamic festivals have been recognized in Malawi by the present government. In fact the day of *Idul-al-fitr* has been declared a public holiday in the past 3 to 5 years ago. This has been done to give all Muslims who are second in population to Christians an opportunity to celebrate and participate in the festival. It is therefore essential that students know and understand these festivals so that they should appreciate the importance of the festivals to Muslims. It will also not come as a surprise to them to see Muslims celebrating and doing some acts of charity on such occasions.

Prior Knowledge

Students have witnessed Muslims' celebrations or have heard about Muslims' festivals.

Objectives: SWBAT:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the major Muslim festivals by analyzing what is involved in each of the festivals.
- Appreciate the importance of the festivals to the Muslim religious life.
- Develop an understanding and tolerance of Muslim festivals and how they are celebrated.

Teaching /Learning Materials

- Quran
- Resource person

Lesson Presentation

1. Anticipatory Set/Introduction

Ask students who have witnessed or participated in Muslim feasts to share with the whole class what the festival involves and how it is celebrated. Then introduce the lesson topic and the resource Person (8minutes).

2. Development

Step	Teacher Activity	Student Activity	Materials	Time
1.	a) Resource person presents the two major feasts of Islam b) Allow students to ask questions in the course of the presentation.	a) Listening and taking down notes. b) Asking questions	Quran	25 minutes

Conclusion

Through oral questions:

- What are the differences and similarities between the two major festivals?
- Why do you think *idul-al-fitr* is declared a public holiday in Malawi and not the other festival?

Consolidation

Imagine you are a Muslim; write a letter to a friend inviting him/her to one of the major festivals. Explain what the festival is all about and how you are going to celebrate together with your friend (to be done as homework assignment).

Evaluation

