

Weekly Homework

Word of the Week: Scintillating

This word has 2 meanings:

1. **sparkling or shining brightly.** For example: The scintillating sun.
2. **Clever or skillful.** For example: The class loved her scintillating mind.

Spelling: Fill in the table and then practise the words in sentences.

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Reading Comprehension

MAIN Activity: Read this report and answer the questions. You will then CREATE a fact file on Abdullah Quilliam. Use the templates to help you.

Abdullah Quilliam

Who was he?

William Henry Quilliam, a local Liverpool solicitor and resident embraced Islam in 1887 (aged 31), after returning from a visit to Morocco, and took on the name Abdullah. He claimed that he was the first native Englishman to embrace Islam.

His conversion led to a remarkable story of the growth of Islam in Victorian Britain. This history is now beginning to emerge and has important lessons for Muslims in Britain and around the world.

Early Life

April 10, 1856, William Henry Quilliam was born at 22 Eliot Street in Liverpool. He spent his childhood on the Isle of Man but most of his working life in Liverpool and was educated at the Liverpool Institute. His parents were Wesleyan Methodists.

He worked as a solicitor at 28 Church St, Liverpool. He was a criminal lawyer and defended many high-profile murder cases. The Liverpool Weekly Courier described him as the “*unofficial Attorney-General of Liverpool*”. Amongst his other activities were: zoology, public speaker, philanthropist, founder and editor of many journals and trade-union activities.

Islam

Abdullah Quilliam became a Muslim when he visited Morocco. A more detailed account of his conversion can be found at the **Cairo Speech** he delivered in 1928. A snippet of the speech: *“I read the translated Holy Quran and the book of Hero’s written by Carlyle and many other books. When I left Tangiers I was obedient to Islam and surrendered to its power and confessed it was the true religion.”*

Literary Works

He wrote the leaflet entitled Faith of Islam. The first edition had 2000 copies and a further 3000 copies were published in 1890. The Crescent, a weekly record of Islam in England, edited by Abdullah Quilliam represents Muslims in England between 1893 and 1908. These unique documents are a historical record of the situation of Islam and a growing convert community in British colonial times. It was publicised internationally. A monthly journal also published by Abdullah Quilliam was the Islamic World that had world-wide circulation.

His famous Titles

Sheikh of the British Isles

Abdullah Quilliam was given many titles.

The Caliph of Islam, **Sultan Abdul Hameed II** (the last Ottoman Caliph) gave Abdullah Quilliam the official title of Sheikh al-Islam for the British Isles.

The Emir of Afghanistan recognised him as the Sheikh of Muslims in Britain. He was also appointed as the Persian Vice Counsel to Liverpool by the Shah.

The Muslim Institute

The Liverpool Muslim Institute at 8 Brougham Terrace was purchased by Abdullah Quilliam and the mortgages for 11, and 12. This was achieved due to a donation by Prince Nasrullah Khan of Afghanistan.

He established the Mosque at no.8 and also opened a boarding school for boys and a day school for girls. He also opened an orphanage (Medina House) for non-Muslim children whose parents could not look after them, and agreed to for them to be raised in the values of Islam.

In addition, the Institute operated educational classes covering a wide range of subjects that were attended by both Muslims and non-Muslims, and included a museum and science laboratory.

Death

Quilliam eventually had to leave England after facing hostility and persecution, the first Muslim experience of “Islamophobia” in the UK. He eventually returned to the UK and adopted the name Haroun Mustapha Leon, and passed away in 1932 near Woking, and was buried in Brookfield Cemetery where Abdullah Yusuf Ali, Marmaduke Pickthall and Lord Headly are also buried.

Questions: Write the answers in FULL sentences

1. Why was Abdullah Quilliam so famous?
2. Where did he live in England?
3. Which country did he visit?
4. When did he become Muslim?
5. What was the name of his leaflet?
6. What was his famous title he received from the Ottoman Sultan?
7. What did he do in Liverpool after he became Muslim?
8. What year did he die?
9. Where was he buried?
10. Has the story of Abdullah Quilliam inspired you?

Ideas to help you: On the next 3 pages are examples of how your fact file can look like. Be creative.

The picture can be of the first mosque. Please do not draw a person.

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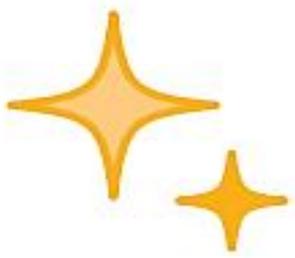
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