



## Religious Education Year 5 – Unit 2

**Enquiry** – How has belief in Christianity & Islam impacted on music and art through history?

# ? Stage 1 – Engage

Learning Objective: Examine different types of artistic expression



#### RE - Learning Through a Lens





#### **Theology Lens - Thinking through Believing**

- Ask questions that believers would ask
- Think like theologians
- Explore questions and answers that arise from inside religions and worldviews



#### Philosophy Lens – Thinking through Thinking

- Ask questions that thinkers would ask
- Think like philosophers
- Explore questions and answers raised through considering the nature of knowledge, existence and morality



#### **Human & Social Science Lens – Thinking through Living**

- Ask questions that people who study reality would ask
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# Human & Social Science — Thinking through Living

#### **Human & Social Science Lens – Thinking through Living**

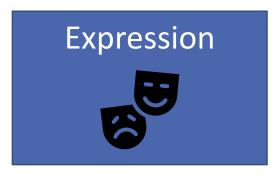
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#### Key Vocabulary

















#### **Explore - Expression**



- Expressing ourselves is something we do every day
- We use 'expression' to demonstrate our thoughts, feelings and emotions
- What expressions can you see here? How do you 'know' that is how the person is feeling?



#### Explore - Expression

Thoughts, feelings and emotions are also be expressed in other ways







Work in groups to list all of the different ways in which people express themselves.



#### Explore – Forms of Expression

All of these 'art forms' are used creatively to convey a strong emotion

























Let's create a class list of creative forms of expression

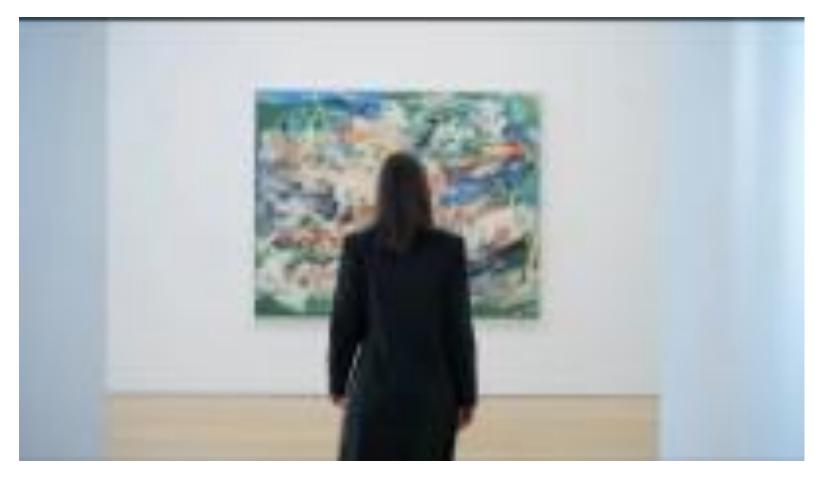


#### Explore – Forms of Expression

Where would we find these creative art forms? Let's take a tour!



- How are the works described?
- What 'connections' are made between pieces?
- Which emotions do you think they are conveying?

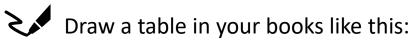




#### Explore – Forms of Expression

Look around our classroom or school - what creative forms of expression can you find?

What feeling or emotion the 'piece' expressing?



Form	Expression
Eg: Class Photograph	Community & Togetherness

Capture as many different forms and expressions as you can in 5 minutes.





#### Model – My Turn

This canvas makes me think of London in the rain, and reminds me of my time living in the city – I actually love London in the rain. I think it feels romantic.

A collection of poems for each day of the year – which I read when I am relaxing and reflecting on life.



A glass vase, a gift from my grandmother for my wedding, which I always keep filled with fresh lilies, which were her favourite

Ceramic Pot: This flower pot was bought on the day my daughter was born, and to me it symbolises new life

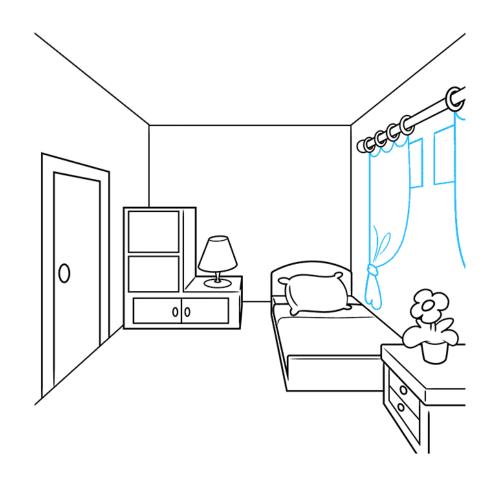
What does this room say about the person? Discuss with your partner.



#### Independent Practice – Your Turn

#### Draw a picture of a room in your home

- Label all the different forms of expression you can find in there
- Annotate in detail why it is there, and what it means to you
- Write a brief summary explaining what your room expresses about you



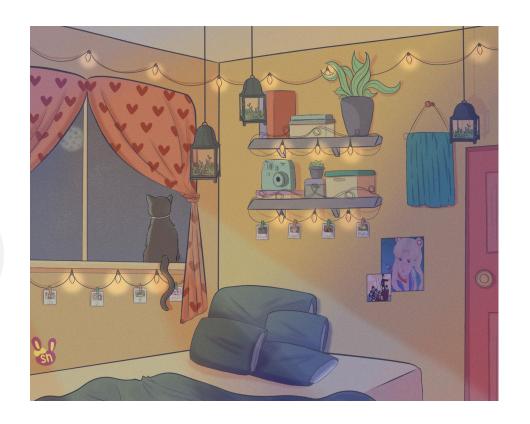


#### Reflect & Challenge



- Share your annotated drawing with your partner
- Explain what your most treasured art form means to you

How many different form of expression have we identified? Why do you think that is?





## Stage 2 – Enquire & Explore

Learning Objective: *Identify* the history and symbolism of Christian art



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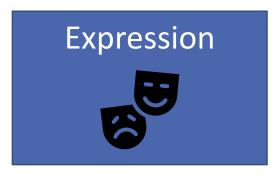
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In our previous session, we explored a range of media and art forms

Would we expect to see this kind of art or media in a church? Why do you think that?









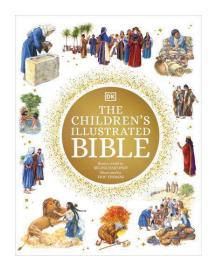
What art might we see in a church?



- Where might we find picture of Jesus?
- Would this always be the case?
- Would he always look the same? Why?







- With a partner, you have 5 minutes to explore your illustrated bible
- As well as Jesus, what other people, places and events are pictured?

Share your examples with the class



- It is not just drawing, sculpture and paintings which express the beliefs and views of Christians
- Music and song hymns have been used for centuries to share Gods message
- Listen to these two contrasting compositions, both from Psalm 51



Renaissance Allegri – Kings College

What is the same?
What is different?
How does each piece make
you feel?
Which do you prefer?
Which 'speaks' to you?



Create in Me – Rend Collective



Westminster Abbey is one of the most famous churches in the world and is full of expressions of Christian faith



- What different forms of art do you see?
- What else has the church been used for?
- Is this the same as your local church? What is different?





#### Model – My Turn

Historically, many people were not literate, could not read the bible and did not have access to the same media platforms we enjoy today.



Religious artforms from: paintings to written words, prayer and song were used to share teachings of religion.

Works of art in all forms told a story and conveyed a message.



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas



#### Independent Practice – Your Turn

Watch this video from The National Gallery, explaining the story, history and importance of this particular picture.

Annotate your picture with information from the video.



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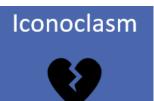




#### Reflect & Challenge

While some churches (*like Westminster Abbey*) are beautifully adorned with art, sculpture, light and music, some churches are designed to be *iconoclastic*: simple churches with as little art as possible.

Throughout the history of the church, *iconoclasts* have destroyed religious artefacts, defaced works of art and striped some churches bare so that they are simple and plain.











Do you think art and music is a distraction from religion? Should churches be 'simple'? What value does art and music bring to the Christian religion?



## Stage 2 – Enquire & Explore

Learning Objective: Compare and contrast Islamic art forms



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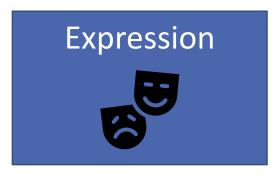
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In this session, we will explore Islamic art.
What similarities might there be with Christian art?
What might be different?











Do you recognise this?





This is the *Shahadah* – the testimony and oath - one of the **Five Pillars of Islam**.

#### It reads:

"I bear witness that there is no god but God, and I bear witness that Muhammad is the messenger of God."











Under the Islamic wording, write this translation in your book in your neatest handwriting



Calligraphy is an artform in itself in Islamic culture.

Let's find out why:

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Let's explore the exterior and interior features of The Grand Mosque in Bradford.

What similarities and differences do you notice between the mosque and the churches we explored in our last session?

GRAND MOSQUE EXTERIOR





Compare and contrast these two famous Mosques in Iran and Afghanistan.

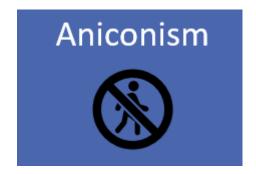




What types of art forms do you notice? What styles and types of art do you see? Are they the same or different to those found in Christian churches?



- Islamic culture is different to that of the Christian faith
- Muslims believe in *aniconism* the practice of not depicting or representing humans or animals in religious artform
- This is out of respect for Allah and to avoid the sin of idolising others











Due to this, Islamic art focussed on abstract, geometric shapes and patterns.



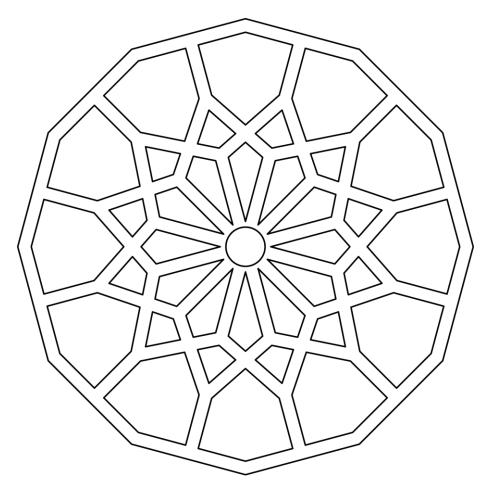
#### Model – My Turn

- This geometric tile is typical of patterns we would see in Islamic art.
- I can personalise this by adding complementing or contrasting colours.





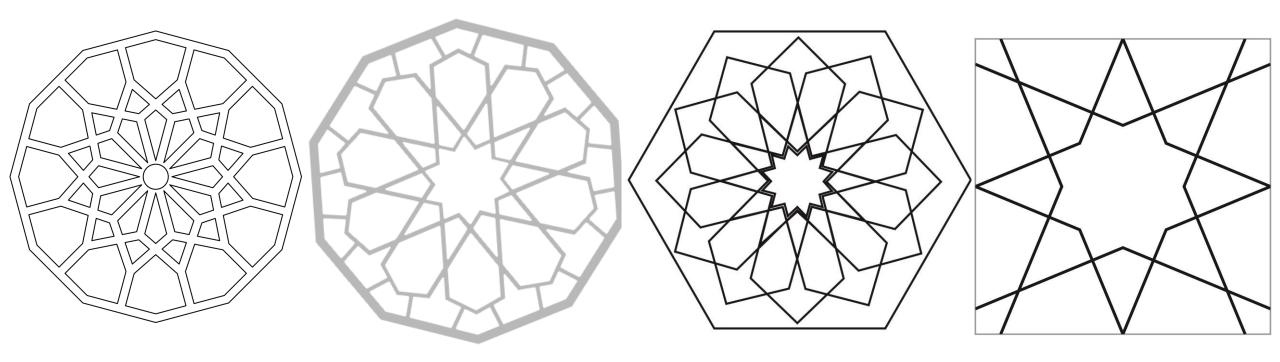






#### Independent Practice – Your Turn

- Using a template of your choice, create your own geometric tile
- What will you 'express' through your choice of pattern and colour?





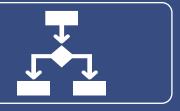
#### Reflect & Challenge







- There are many differences in Christian and Islamic art, but also similarities
- During the Reformation, factions from the Christian faith wanted to remove stained glass and other ornamentation from churches
- Islamic faith forbids the use of an image of God.
- What do you think of not showing a 'picture' of God or Jesus? How might this impact understanding and belief in the Christian religion?



# Stage 3 - Evaluate

Learning Objective: Analyse the impact of different cultures on a significant architectural site



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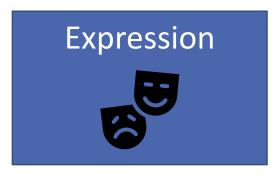
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# Explore – Religious Architecture



What do you think this building is? What is it being used for? Why do you think that? What do you recognise?





#### Explore – Religious Architecture

- This building is called the Hagia Sophia
   which means 'Holy Wisdom'
- It is one of the most iconic and symbolic buildings in the Islamic faith
- It is of significant cultural and historic importance across the world!



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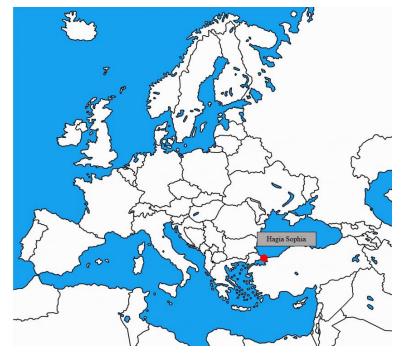


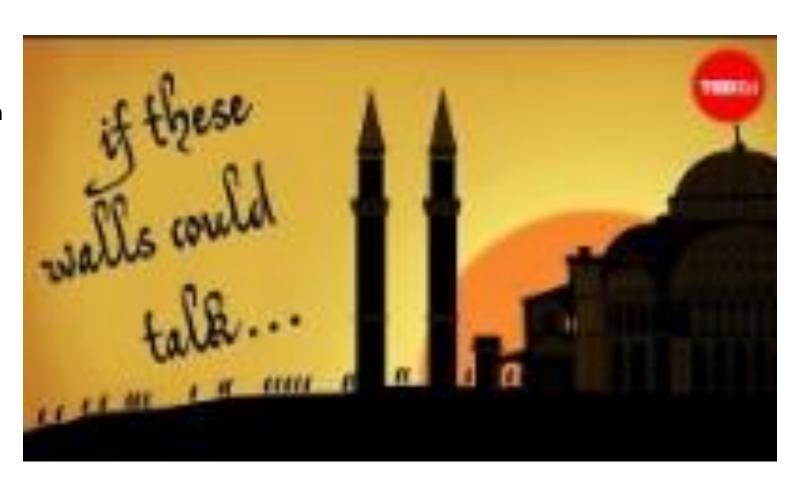
Let's find out about the Hagia Sophia's fascinating and surprising history!



# Explore – Religious Architecture

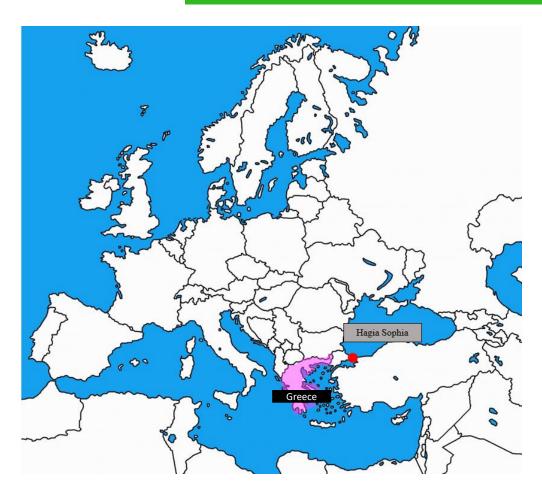
- It is located in Istanbul the gateway between continents
- But it is not just the Islamic world which has influenced this unique building







## Model - My Turn



First, find the location of Greece on your own maps

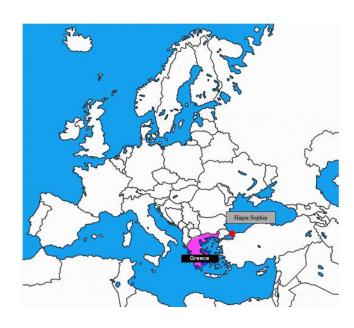
Next, shade the land mass and label with the name

Then, write the date in your margin, and a short summary sentence to explain the impact



# Our Turn – Your Turn

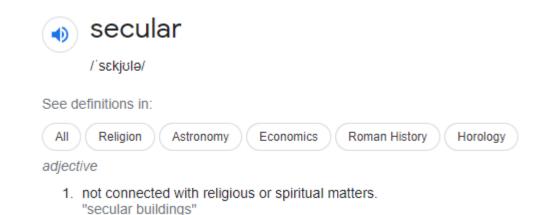
- Let's continue to watch, noting down key details
- Don't forget to use your Atlas to identify the country







#### Reflect & Challenge



By becoming a museum, the Hagia Sophia is a *secular* building. By definition, it is no longer connected with religious or spiritual matters.

Do you think this is accurate? Think back to the video with so many people praying.

Could it ever be completely removed from it religious history?



Do you think this is right?
Should the focus be on sharing it's history,
rather than divinity?
Is it a building that belongs to the world,
or to Islam?



# Stage 4 – Express

Learning Objective: Compose and conduct a debate which encompasses conflicting viewpoints



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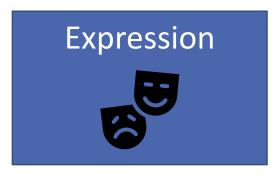
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## Explore – Controversial Decisions

- In our previous session, we explored the Hagia Sophia.
- The building stopped being a Mosque in the 1930's, and became a museum.
- Recently, it has changed back into a Mosque.



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This has been a *controversial* decision. Why do you think this might be?



What reasons are there for keeping the building as a museum? What reasons are there for changing it back to it 'original' purpose?



## Explore – Controversial Decisions

- Draw a T Chart in your books
- Label 2 columns For & Against

Let's find out some reasons why this decision is do divisive.

For	Against

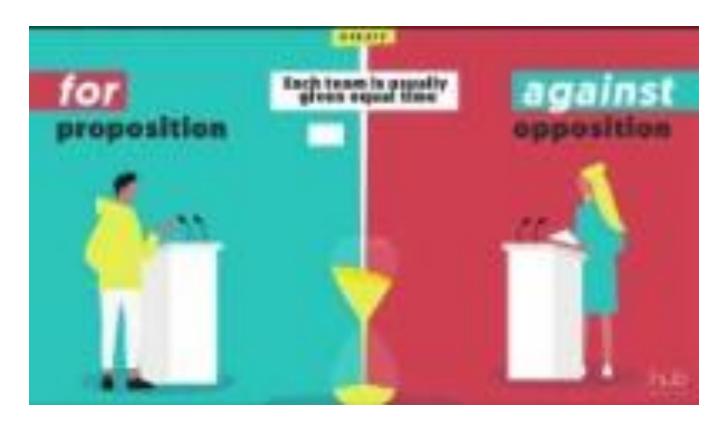




### Model – Debate

Argument: Should the Hagia Sophia be a secular museum?

For	Against
Eg: It is an important decision for the Muslim world as the Hagia Sophia is a vital part of their heritage and history	Eg: The building is one of the original and most prominent Christian churches and that connection could be lost
Eg: The people of Turkey are delighted at the decision as the Hagia Sophia is their Mosque	Eg: It is a world heritage site which should be open to all





#### Our Turn – Talk Roles

#### What should Responsible Talk:

- Look like?
- Sound like?
- Feel like?















#### Reflect & Challenge

Every year, 20 churches in England close to worship.

They are often sold to the public, and turned into homes, shops or offices.





Do you think this is right? Should churches and mosques be 'repurposed'? Or should they remain as places of worship?

