**Replacing Fear with Facts: Teaching Islam in the Classroom**

**Vocabulary**

**Mosque**: a Muslim place of worship

**Hijab**: a head covering worn by some Muslim women in public

**Niqab**: a veil worn by some Muslim women in public, covering all of the face apart from the eyes

**Fundamentalism**: a form of a religion that upholds the belief in the strict, literal interpretation of scripture and that is often intolerant of other views and opposition of secularism

**Quran**: the Islamic sacred book, believed to be the word of God as dictated to Muhammad by the archangel Gabriel and written down in Arabic. The Koran consists of 114 units of varying lengths, known as suras ; the first sura is said as part of the ritual prayer. These touch upon all aspects of human existence, including matters of doctrine, social organization, and legislation.

**Ramadan**: the ninth month of the Muslim year, during which strict fasting is observed from sunrise to sunset

**Imam**: the person who leads prayers in a mosque

**5 Pillars of Islam**

1. Belief (**Shahada**): “There is no God but one God, and Mohammed is his messenger.”
2. Worship (**Salat** or five daily prayers): Dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset, and nightfall.
3. Fasting (**Sawm**): Abstaining from food and drunk from sunrise to sunset during the holy month of Ramadan.
4. Almsgiving (**Zakat**): Giving alms to the poor
5. Pilgrimage (**Hajj**): Embarking on a pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia at least once in their lifetime, if able.