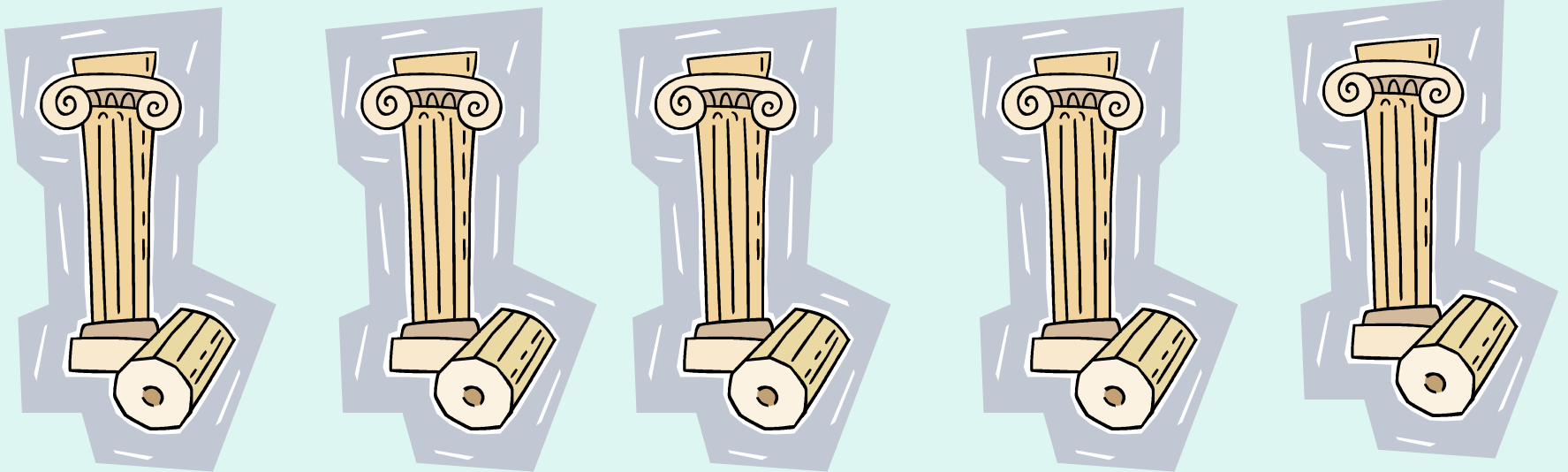


# The Five Pillars of Islam

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# What are the Five Pillars?

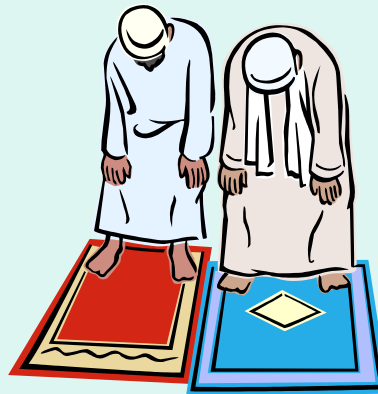
Muslim people (who follow Islam) have five duties which are called the Five Pillars of Islam. Every Muslim tries to carry out these five things, and it helps them to feel that they are members of the worldwide Muslim community.



# Pillar 1: SHAHADAH

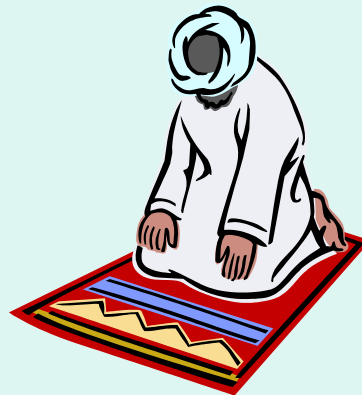
This Pillar is believing and saying the words. "There is no god except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah".

Muslims say this when they are praying



# Pillar 2: SALAH

This Pillar is praying five times a day. There are set prayers which Muslims should say, and all Muslims should face Mecca in Arabia when praying, and should pray on a prayer mat. People should wash before they pray. There are fixed movements, which include kneeling with the forehead placed on the ground in front. This expresses the servant status of the human being in relation to Allah.



# Pillar 3: ZAKAH

Each year, Muslims are supposed to give a some of their savings for charity such as helping the poor. In this way, they believe that their wealth is "made pure"



# Pillar 4: SAWM

Muslim people must not eat food and drink during the month of Ramadan during daylight hours.



# Pillar 5: HAJJ

This is making a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in your life, if it can be afforded.

