



The Prophet's traits and accomplishments

LESSON PLAN 5 PRESENTATION

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Recap and connect

- Examples of the Prophet's ﷺ many miracles:
 - the moon splitting
 - the tree weeping
 - the increased supply of food
- Physical miracles are an amazing sight to behold and produce an immediate effect on the observer
- Many can say physical miracles are sufficient to prove the claim to prophethood



Recap and connect

turn and talk

For the skeptically-inclined who have only read or heard about the Prophet's physical miracles...

Are there other features of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ's life that can be established as proofs of his prophethood?



The world's greatest success story

Why do some people consider the Prophet ﷺ to be the “world's greatest success story”?

Quick jot: On a sheet of paper, write down as many of the Prophet's **character traits and accomplishments** you can think of.

The world's greatest success story



“If greatness of purpose, smallness of means, and astounding results are the three criteria of human genius, who could dare to compare any great man in modern history with Muhammad?”

Alphonse de Lamartine

Turn and talk: What is meant by this quote? Why do you think this author singled out Muhammad as fulfilling these criteria in exclusion to other notable figures like Buddha, Genghis Khan, Alexander the Great, or Steve Jobs?

Independently: Pick a notable figure you consider to be accomplished. What makes this individual stand out? Analyze the success of this individual and record your reflections on worksheet 2.5.2.

The universal brotherhood





Prophetic accomplishments

“By a fortune absolutely unique in history, Mohammed is a threefold founder of a nation, of an empire, and of a religion... Head of the State as well as the Church; he was Caesar and Pope in one; but he was Pope without the Pope’s pretensions, and Caesar without the legions of Caesar, without a standing army, without a bodyguard, without a police force, without a fixed revenue. **If ever a man ruled by a right divine, it was Muhammad, for he had all the powers without their supports.** He cared not for the dressings of power. The simplicity of his private life was in keeping with his public life.” **Bosworth Smith**

“He has left to us as the indelible characteristic of this Muslim nationality, the hatred of false gods and the passion for the One and immaterial God.” **Alphonse de Lamartine**

“Islam is a religion of success. Unlike Christianity, which has its main image of a man dying in a devastating and disgraceful way. **Muhammad was a dazzling success politically and spiritually.**” **Karen Armstrong**

“It is indeed worth nothing that the Prophet ﷺ moved quickly to stamp out any tribal or communal division...[developing a community that remained] united with mutual love and compassion prevailing among all its members.” **Adil Salahi**

The hater is cut off

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- Why was this *ayah* revealed?
- What is *al-abtar*?
- How can we partake in Allah's promise to His messenger, that he will not be cut off?

Societal impact





Video discussion

- 1 How is the father in the video following some of the traits of our Prophet ﷺ?
- 2 Is being able to forgive in a painful circumstance an example of carrying prophetic responsibility? Why or why not?