



Teens 3 Home-Learning Assignment

Term 1

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SINGAPORE OUR DIVERSE HOMELAND

Singapore is a country that runs on good governance and sound economic principles. The island state that we live in is viewed as an example and role model for other countries. Singapore is unique in that it is a very small country with a population of some 5 million people comprising of different races and religion. Since its independence in 1965, it has grown and is today admired as a developed country amidst a sprawling neighbourhood of other countries that outsize it.

To the north of Singapore is Malaysia and to its south is Indonesia. While both countries have majority Muslim population, Singapore on the other hand has a majority Non-Muslim population and a significant Muslim population of about 14%. Muslims in Singapore are primarily made up of the Malay race and a minority of other races including the majority Chinese population who made up about 70% of the population of Singapore.

Islam and Muslim have been synonymous with the Malay race and culture. When the Malay people of the region including those in Singapore became Muslims they gradually adapted their culture and ways to the teachings of the religion. There are other Muslims who are not Malays too, therefore we have to practice Islam together as a community.

What does being a young Muslim Singaporean mean?

- Understanding the definition in terms of role and responsibilities as a Singaporean towards the country and the government (leadership)
- Dealing with 'conflicts' of beliefs in relation to the commitment to Islam and serving the interest of the country (non-Muslim secular nation state)

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ ﴾

“O you who have attained to faith! Obey God, and Obey the Messenger and those from among you who have been entrusted with authority” - Surah An-Nisa' 4:59



Before the Hijrah to Madinah, Muslims fled to a country called Habsyah (Abyssinia), with the permission of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم . Habsyah was under the rule of Christian king called Najashi. He was a just king and the Muslims lived in the country peacefully under his rule even though he was from another faith. The Muslims had no problems obeying the rules and laws of the king as he does not require them to disobey Allah I.

Being a citizen of a country means having an identity that indicates you belong to a place (country). In the sense of identifying ourselves as a citizen, we will be having a set of expectations that comes together such as the regulations or responsibilities that a citizen is required to abide.

Let us discuss what are some of the responsibilities as a citizen of a country:

A. **Loyalty:** To be loyal means to show your commitment.

- Be ready to serve in defense of your country when it needs defending.
- Not acting against the interest of your country
- Do not conduct any act of betrayal towards your country.

B. **Law-Abiding:** To live within the framework of the law in the country one resides in and to abide by it.

C. **Contribution:** To give back to the country as a form of public service, in recognition of the benefits of being a member (citizen) of the country.

- Representing the country in national or international events.
- Excelling in studies
- Serving National Service
- Filling the labour market to be part of the growth of our nation and national economy

D. **Harmonious Living:** To live together with other members harmoniously regardless of race and faith.

- Accepting the diversity of our society and learning to live with mutual respect for that diversity and with tolerance.
- Participating in cross-cultural activity to foster greater understanding of the multi-cultural make-up society
- Built a network of friendship across the different races to ensure real understanding between each other and instilling tolerance and patience for differences.
- Learn to see differences as mutually benefiting rather than potentially diversifying..

ACTIVITY 1: SINGAPORE OUR HOME

How can we play our role as a young Muslim Singaporean in these 4 aspects?

Loyalty	
Law-Abiding	
Contribution	
Harmonious Living	



ACTIVITY 2: LOVE IS HAPPINESS

1. What is your contribution as a Young Muslim?

2. What will you do if you have an opportunity to contribute once again?

3. “Muslims should play their role and show the best examples on how to become good citizens.” Why is it important to portray the best of Akhlak as a Muslim and being the citizen of Singapore? List one negative and positive effects from your given answer.
