



Phase One - RE Independent Research

Collective Memory

(RE2010 - 1c)

Objective

Thinking Skills Information Processing

Pupil Activity

Collective Memory is a useful Thinking Skills strategy that can be used to present pupils with the 'basics' of each of the three Abrahamic faiths.

The strength of this strategy is that it provides an opportunity for pupils to plan, review and in particular evaluate their actions in a short space of time.

In this activity pupils work in small teams to recreate The Abrahamic Faith Poster. Each team sends one member at a time to look at the image for 10 seconds. They return to their group and start to reproduce the original. After a short period of time (e.g. 30 seconds), the next representative from the group looks at the map for 10 seconds.

After each turn, groups reflect and plan the next visit. After a few turns each, pupils are asked to compare their versions with the original.

This strategy helps pupils to process and 'decode' visual information and devise strategies to help commit information to memory. In the process they will learn about the similarities and differences between the three faiths and be prompted to ask further questions that could be researched.

Pupil Resources

- [The Abrahamic Faith Poster](#) – Find this within the Classroom and Teaching Resources
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Notes for Teachers

Teachers may wish to establish whether pupils have identified from each of the faith circles: the holy book, the word for God, the place of worship, the day of worship and customary greeting.

