Muharram and Ashura

Muharram is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ month of the Islamic Calendar.

On the tenth day of Muharram Muhammad’s grandson, along with \_\_\_\_ others, were martyred at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Battle was fought between Hussain ibn Ali and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ caliph Yazid.

Vocabulary!

Martyr – a person who sacrifices themselves for their beliefs, especially religious belief

Caliph – the ruler of a Muslim community, who is considered by that community to be the political and religious successor to Muhammad

Dictator – a person who has total power over a country and rules by force

Disgraceful – shockingly bad

The battle is remembered today by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Muslims as “Ashura”.

Hussain was Muhammad’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by his daughter, Fatima and her husband Ali.

Shia Muslims believe that Ali was the first successor after Muhammad and call him their leader, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Sunni Muslims consider him the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_th caliph.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ declared himself caliph, but Shia believe he was a dictator.

When Hussain refused to surrender, Yazid had them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5 lessons we can learn from Hussain:

1. A respectful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is better than a disgraceful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Wisdom includes fighting for people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. You should do the right thing no matter how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it is.
4. A good ruler opposes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and stands for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. When talking about others when they aren’t around, say what you would want to hear about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.