

# Religious Studies Topic of the Month

## May 2024

### Is war ever the solution?

Topic of the month aims to stimulate discussion at Key Stages 4 and 5 and bring religion to life. This can be achieved by considering religion's relevance in our vast modern world. We have selected a current news article, which you may wish to read and integrate into your teaching practice, using the discussion prompts provided.

#### Disclaimer:

This topic relates to an article, written by Sadiya Chowdhury for Sky News\* and is entitled "Memorial to be built for Muslim soldiers who fought and died alongside UK troops in World Wars".



#### Introduction

This article refers to the construction of a memorial for Muslim soldiers who fought alongside British and Allied forces in World War I and World War II.

- [\(Click here to access the article\)](#)

#### Discussion prompts

- In what ways does the monument described in this article, foster a sense of community cohesion today?
- What do you think are the primary underlying causes of conflict?
- Is a 'Just War' possible in a world with weapons of mass destruction?
- How should people remember those who have died fighting for their country?
- How do adherents of various religions respond to the suffering caused by war?
- Should heroes be those who engage in warfare or those who advocate for peace?

#### Links to topics featured in our specifications:

- **GCSE:**
  - Religious attitudes to conflict
  - Religious attitudes to the Just War theory
  - Religious attitudes to issues surrounding conflict
  - The funeral rite
- **A-Level:**
  - War and peace