**Section VI: Islam and the Middle Ages**

**Day 1: The Birth of Islam**

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**Key Vocabulary Terms:**

Muhammad:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The Prophet

Islam emerged in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, part of southwestern Asia. This Peninsula is mostly desert, but farming is possible through irrigation and oases. An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a fertile area in a desert, watered by a natural spring.

Many different rival clans occupied the Arabian peninsula until the late 500s. One of the most popular cities was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an active market town at the crossroads of two main caravan (trading) routes.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was born in Mecca about 570. In his youth he worked as a shepherd and later as a merchant. Muhammad was troubled by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When he was about 40, he went to a desert cave to meditate.

In this cave Muhammad claimed to have heard the voice of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calling him to be the messenger of God. Muhammad’s wife Khadija encouraged him to listen to this voice and became the first to convert to the faith called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Muhammad devoted the rest of his life to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He urged Arabs to give up their false gods and submit to the one true God. In Arabic, the word for god is *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

At first few people listened to the teachings of Muhammad. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_when he angered Meccan merchants for rejecting their traditional gods. Muhammad was forced to flee Mecca on a journey called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Hijra was a turning point for Islam. Muhammad went to the city of Medina where he was welcomed by Muslim converts as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As his reputation grew, thousands of Arabs adopted Islam. From Medina, Muslims launched attacks on Meccan caravans and defeated the Meccans in battle.

Finally, in 630, Muhammad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on a journey known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In the next two years, Muhammad worked to unite the Arabs under Islam.

Muhammad died in 632, but the faith that he proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Today, Islam is one of the world’s major religions.

Teachings of Islam

Like Judaism and Christianity, Islam is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, based on belief in one God. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the sacred text of Islam, teaches that God is all-powerful and compassionate. It also states that people are responsible for their own actions.

According to the Quran, each individual will stand before God on the final judgment day to face either eternal punishment in hell or eternal bliss in paradise. Muslims \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who mediate between the people and god.

Basic Muslim Beliefs

All Muslims accept five basic duties, known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* + 1st – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger.
	+ 2nd – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(5 times a day) towards the holy city of Mecca
	+ 3rd – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ 4th – Fasting from sunrise to sunset during the holy month of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ 5th – Each Muslim must complete the hajj, or pilgrimage to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the holy city of Mecca at least once in their lives.

Some Muslims look on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as another duty. Over the years, Muslims have interpreted jihad in various ways. Some have focused on a spiritual effort to overcome immortality within themselves. Others have engaged in warfare to spread or defend Islam.

Muslims profess faith in the same God that is worshiped by Jews and Christians. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ teaches that Islam is God’s final and complete revelation, and that the Torah and Bible contain partial revelations from God.

Split

The leaders that followed Muhammad were known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The first successor to Muhammad was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who was instrumental in spreading the Islamic faith. However, not long after Muhammad’s death, divisions arose within Islam over his successor.

Muslims split into different groups over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ felt that the caliph should be chosen by the leaders of the Muslim community. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on the other hand, argued that the only true successors to the prophet were descendants of Muhammad’s daughter and son-in-law. This division still exists within Islam today.

Impact of Islam on Women

Before Islam, the position of women in Arab society varied. Most women were under the control of a male guardian and could not inherit property. Islam affirmed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Women therefore won greater protection under the law.

As Islam spread, Arabs sometimes absorbed attitudes from the peoples they conquered. In Persian and Byzantine lands, Arabs adopted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upper-class women and secluding them in s a separate part of the home.