**The Islamic World**

**The Rise of Islam**

* In the fifth century, warfare between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empires interrupted over land trade routes from East Asia. Trade in spices, Chinese silks, and Indian cottons shifted to the sea routes connecting India with Arabia and the Red Sea. Overland caravans carried goods up the western coast of the Arabian Peninsula. Cities and towns developed near \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ along these caravan routes.
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_** was one of the most important of these cities. In the seventh century, a new religion emerged here: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. “Islam” is Arabic for “submission.” Within a hundred years, Islam grew to control an area larger than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.



**Mohammed: The Prophet of Islam**

* **Islam** was founded by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Born in 570, he worked in Mecca as a merchant and a shepherd. He had a religious nature and often meditated in a nearby \_\_\_\_\_\_. One day, Mohammed had a vision that the Angel Gabriel commanded him to convert the Arab tribes, who then believed in many gods, to belief in a single God, known in Arabic as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* This Allah was the same God worshipped by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After his vision, Mohammed started to preach belief in Allah to his neighbors in Mecca.
* Some merchants in Mecca grew envious of Mohammed’s growing influence. Fearing for his life, Mohammed fled to the city of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in 622. This event, known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, marks the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point of the Muslim calendar.
* In Medina, Mohammed became a popular religious leader. He gathered an army to retake Mecca in a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, or “holy war.” In 632, two years after recapturing Mecca, Mohammed became ill and died. By the time of his death, most tribes of the Arabian Peninsula had united and converted to Islam.

**The Quran (Koran)**

* The Quran (Koran) is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Islam. Muslims believe it records the words revealed to Mohammed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Mohammed memorized these words and taught them to his followers. The scribes wrote these words down in the Quran. The Quran contains many references to both Jews and Christians. Its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_also discuss forms of worship, proper conduct, and the treatment of \_\_\_\_\_\_, along with many other matters.
* The fundamental doctrine of the Quran is contained in two articles of belief: “There is no God but Allah; and Mohammed is his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**The Five Pillars of Islam**

* In contrast to some religions, Muslims worship God directly without the intercession of a priest or clergy. The Five Pillars of Islam – faith in one God (monotheism), prayer, charity, fasting, and pilgrimage – make up the basic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that all Muslims must fulfill. In so doing, Muslims strengthen their faith in and service to Allah, whom they see as the supreme, all-powerful, all-knowing God.
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Muslims must affirm: “There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet.”

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Muslims must pray \_\_\_\_\_ times a day, while facing the \_\_\_\_\_ towards the city of Mecca.

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Muslims must give money to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and pay taxes to the Mosque.

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During the month of Ramadan, Muslims cannot eat or drink during \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hours.

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If physically able, a Muslim must make a pilgrimage (religious trip) to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Islamic Religion Spreads**

* Islam united the various Arab tribes with a common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and religion. Strengthened by their newfound unity, they set out on a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” against non-believers. The Arabs were experienced fighters who fought with enthusiasm to gain entry into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* In contrast, by this time the Byzantines and Persians were both weakened from centuries of fighting with each other. Over the next century, Arab Muslims succeeded in creating a vast empire that extended from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into Europe as far west as \_\_\_\_\_\_. Muslim expansion in Europe was only halted at the **Battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**The Caliphates**

* When Mohammad died, a group of Muslim leaders chose a new leader, whom they called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or “successor to Mohammed.” Two of the early caliphs were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A new caliph then founded the Umayyad Caliphate. Most Muslims, known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, followed the new caliph. A small group of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Muslims decided that only Mohammed’s descendants could be caliphs. The division between the Sunnis and Shiites remains to this day.
* Under the Umayyad caliphs, the capital of the Arab Empire was moved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (in present day Syria). After 750, a new family, the **Abbasids**, took over the caliphate. The Abbasids focused on trade rather than war, and built a new capital at **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (in present day Iraq). The Abbasid caliph governed as an absolute ruler and surrounded himself with a rich court.
* As Islam expanded, the caliphs converted or enslaved other peoples they found worshipping many gods. At first, non-Arab converts to Islam had \_\_\_\_\_\_ rights than Arabs, but eventually all Muslims were treated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Muslim rulers treated Jews and Christians with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ since they were believed to worship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They were permitted to have self-governing communities. However, Jews and Christians had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and could not hold some public offices.

**The Golden Age of Muslim Culture**

* While learning was in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Western Europe, a Golden age of Muslim Culture flourished – a period of great advances in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Arab Muslims absorbed the cultural achievements of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Persians, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Byzantines.
* They also controlled a vast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ area – larger than the ancient Roman Empire had been. The new Arab Empire, like the Byzantine Empire before it, served as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for trade. Goods from India, China, Africa, Spain, and the eastern Mediterranean entered through Arab territories. This period also saw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the language of the Quran, achieve standardized use throughout the empire and become the language of literature, philosophy, and art.
* The prosperous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empire attracted invaders from Central Asia. In the 11th century, Baghdad was captured by the Seljuk Turks – a Turkish tribe from Central Asia. Although \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Seljuk Turks converted to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Baghdad remained the capital of their new empire.
* In the 12th century, Muslims became engaged in a war with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over control of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, known as the Crusades. Christians captured Jerusalem in \_\_\_\_\_, but the city was later retaken by the Muslim leader and warrior, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1137-1193). Until this day, he remains a hero to the Islamic world for uniting the Arabs and defeating the Crusaders in battle.

**Arab Cultural Achievements**

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Arab scholars borrowed the concept of zero from India and developed Arabic numerals, which were eventually adopted by other cultures. These developments led to great advances in algebra and geometry.

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Mohammed forbade making images of God or people. Islamic art is largely made up of geometric designs, flowers, and stars. Their textiles, leather works, and rugs are highly prized.

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Arab doctors discovered that blood moves to and from the heart. They learned to diagnose many diseases, including measles and smallpox.

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Muslim rulers built beautiful palaces and mosques, richly decorated with mosaics, calligraphy, and geometrical designs.