

## Muhammad and the Rise of Islam

### I. Overview of Islam

- A. Around 600 AD, a new \_\_\_\_\_ religion began called \_\_\_\_\_:
1. The faith was founded by the prophet \_\_\_\_\_
  2. His followers, called \_\_\_\_\_, spread Islam throughout the Middle East, Africa, Asia, & Europe
- B. By 750 AD, Muslim leaders built an empire
1. The Islamic \_\_\_\_\_ connected diverse people through religion & \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Muslim \_\_\_\_\_ focused on learning & developed numerous cultural achievements that are still used today
- C. Today, Islam is the world's \_\_\_\_\_ growing religion with more than 1 billion followers throughout the world

### II. Muhammad and the Rise of Islam

#### A. Arabia, the Birthplace of Islam

1. The Arabian Peninsula is a \_\_\_\_\_ region with little fertile soil or farming
  - a. Most Arabs lived in desert \_\_\_\_\_ which were centered around families & were ruled by \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Arabia was not \_\_\_\_\_ under a single gov't, but Arabs did have a common \_\_\_\_\_ (Arabic)
  - c. Most Arabs were \_\_\_\_\_
2. But, Arabia was the \_\_\_\_\_ of 3 continents (Africa, Asia, & Europe) so it was an important region for \_\_\_\_\_ & had lots of cultural diffusion
  - a. One of the wealthiest trade cities in Arabia was \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Mecca was also a religious city; The \_\_\_\_\_ was a cube that held \_\_\_\_\_ of hundreds of gods
  - c. Arabs made \_\_\_\_\_ to Mecca to visit the Ka'aba

#### B. Muhammad and Islam

##### 1. Muhammad's early life:

- a. He was born in Mecca in 570 into a poor clan, was \_\_\_\_\_ at a young age, & was raised by his grandparents
- b. As an adult, Muhammad became an \_\_\_\_\_ & successful \_\_\_\_\_
- c. He \_\_\_\_\_ a wealthy widow & started a family

##### 2. Muhammad created Islam:

- a. Muhammad's work brought him into contact with \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ merchants

- b. In 610, Muhammad was told by the angel \_\_\_\_\_ that he was a \_\_\_\_\_ sent to Earth by \_\_\_\_\_
- c. He began preaching a new monotheistic faith called \_\_\_\_\_ (“\_\_\_\_\_ to God”)

### 3. Basic beliefs of Islam:

- a. Followers of Islam are called \_\_\_\_\_ who believe in \_\_\_\_\_ God, called \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Allah is the \_\_\_\_\_ worshiped by Jews & Christians
- c. Muslims believe Muhammad was the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s prophets
- d. The teachings of Muhammad were written down in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Koran), the holy \_\_\_\_\_ of Islam

### 4. The Hijrah

#### a. Reactions to Islam:

- i. By 613, Muhammad began \_\_\_\_\_ his new ideas in Mecca
- ii. Some people were \_\_\_\_\_ to Islam
- iii. But, many people \_\_\_\_\_ Muhammad’s growing popularity & that Mecca would lose its status as a \_\_\_\_\_

#### b. After years of attacks, Muhammad & his followers fled to \_\_\_\_\_

- i. This \_\_\_\_\_ was known as the \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. In Medina, Muhammad gained new \_\_\_\_\_ who put Islam above their \_\_\_\_\_ & clans
- iii. He taught \_\_\_\_\_ for Christians & Jews (“People of the \_\_\_\_\_”)

### 5. In 630, Muhammad \_\_\_\_\_ to Mecca with 10,000 \_\_\_\_\_ & conquered the city

- a. He \_\_\_\_\_ the god statues in the Ka’aba, leaving only the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
- b. This time, the people in Mecca \_\_\_\_\_ to Islam
- c. In 632, Muhammad \_\_\_\_\_

### III. The Islamic Empire

#### A. After Muhammad, Islamic leaders created an \_\_\_\_\_:

1. The Islamic Empire had well-trained troops that \_\_\_\_\_ nearby regions
2. The massive empire led to great \_\_\_\_\_ for Muslims & new opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_ Islam

### Comparing the Prophets: Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad

Moses	Jesus	Muhammad

1. Considered a prophet by Christians
2. Considered a prophet by Jews, Christians, Muslims
3. Considered a prophet by Muslims
4. Crucified and resurrected
5. Fled to Medina to gain converts
6. Given the 10 Commandments by God
7. His story is written in the Bible
8. His story is written in the Qur'an
9. His story is written in the Torah
10. Was born in Egypt but moved to Canaan (near Mesopotamia)
11. Was born in Mecca
12. Was born in the Roman Empire