

THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE

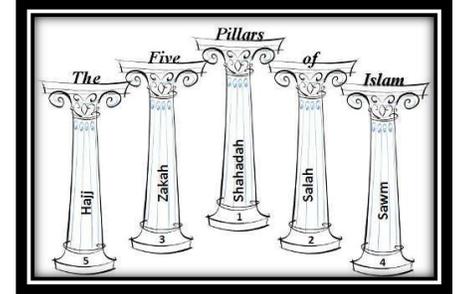
I. Overview of Islam

A. Around 600 AD, a new _____ religion began called Islam:

1. Islam was founded by the prophet _____ in the Arabian city of Mecca
2. After the _____ to Medina, Muhammad gained converts & returned to _____

B. Muslims believe in the Five Pillars of Islam:

1. _____: belief in one god, Allah & the prophet Muhammad
2. _____: 5 times per day towards Mecca
3. _____: 2.5% to charity
4. _____: During the month of Ramadan
5. _____: Pilgrimage to Mecca



II. The Islamic Empire

A. Islam After Muhammad-the Rightly Guided Caliphs

1. When Muhammad _____ in 632, the Muslim community elected a new leader called a _____ (“successor”)
2. The first 4 caliphs all _____ Muhammad & promised to stay true to the _____ & Muhammad’s message
3. The _____ was Muhammad’s friend & father-in-law, Abu Bakr:
 - a. His goal was to keep Muslims _____ under his gov’t (“_____”)
 - b. His used _____ to control & _____ the Muslim empire
4. The empire expanded under the next caliphs
 - a. During the _____ Caliphates, the Islamic Empire expanded “_____” (the areas where Islam is practiced)
 - b. The caliphate never _____ non-Muslims to _____, especially “People of the Book” & allowed religious _____ as long as taxes were paid to the empire
 - c. The caliphs used the _____ (_____ of Islam) to govern the empire

B. The Umayyad Empire

1. After Ali’s death in 661 led to a _____ for control of the empire:
 - a. The clan that came to _____ started the Umayyad Empire
 - b. But the rise of the _____ led to a _____ in Islam
2. The Sunni-Shi’a Split
 - a. Before the Umayyads, caliphs were elected members of Muhammad’s _____
 - b. Shi’a Muslims
 - i. _____ Muslims rejected the Umayyads
 - ii. The Shi’a believe that caliph must come directly from Muhammad’s _____
 - c. Sunni Muslims
 - i. _____ Muslims accepted the rule of the Umayyads
 - ii. The Sunni believe caliphs should follow Muhammad’s _____, but don’t have to be relatives

Basic Differences Between Sunni and Shi’a Muslims	
Sunni	Shi’a
• Believe that the first four caliphs were “rightly guided”	• Believe that Ali, the Prophet’s son-in-law, should have succeeded Muhammad
• Believe that Muslim rulers should follow the Sunna, or Muhammad’s example	• Believe that all Muslim rulers should be descended from Muhammad; do not recognize the authority of the Sunna
• Claim that the Shi’a have distorted the meaning of various passages in the Qur’an	• Claim that the Sunni have distorted the meaning of various passages in the Qur’an

Percentage Today of Sunni and Shi’a Muslims Worldwide

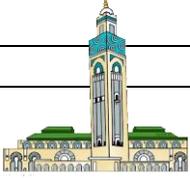
Sunni	83%
Shi’a	16%
Other	1%

3. The Umayyads _____ the empire which brought wealth & new Islamic converts

C. The Abbasid Empire

1. In 750, the Umayyad Empire was overthrown by the _____
2. Under the Abbasids, the Islamic Empire _____ to its greatest extent
 - a. The Abbasid caliphate built a strong gov't _____ to rule their empire
 - b. Muslim merchants expanded wealth by _____ across Africa, _____, and Mediterranean Sea
 - c. Wealth from trade led to a _____, a time of great Muslim achievements in _____, _____, medicine, & architecture

MONOTHEISM CHART

	Judaism 	Christianity 	Islam 
What is the major belief about God?			
Who was the founder or an important prophet?			
What is the holy book?			
How do they view the afterlife?			
What helps guide people in their lives?			
Do they accept or reject Jesus?			
Do they accept or reject Muhammad?			
Where did the religion begin?			
Symbol that best describes the religion			