



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

Hypothesis #1: What was Arabia like before Mohammed?

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

Hypothesis #2: Who was Mohammed?

Hypothesis #3: Who was Mohammed?

Hypothesis #4: What is the basic concept of Islam?

Arabic Word Sentence:

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 _____

Hypothesis #5:
How did some people respond to Mohammed’s new religion?

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 _____”)

Hypothesis #6:
How did some Mohammed react to violence by non-Muslims in Mecca?

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 _____

Hypothesis #7:
What did Mohammed do after he gained converts & returned to Mecca?

Arabic Word Sentence:

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. Do NOT just write the corresponding numbers. Write out the answers☺.

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