## **Islam Notes**

The Roots of Islam	What have I learned?
Islam began on the <b>Arabian</b>	Name the other 2 religions that began on the Arabian Peninsula?
Peninsula.	• Zoroastrianism
3 Influences on Islam	• Judaism
1. Zoroastrianism	
2. Judaism	
3. Nestorian Christianity	
Bedouins were desert dwellers known	What people are portrayed in the picture below?
for their great <b>survival</b> ability.	Bedouins
The <b>Bedouins</b> ' ideas of <b>hospitality</b> & <b>loyalty</b> to family will greatly influence Islam.	
The city of <b>Mecca</b> was an important stop on the Arabian trade routes.	
Pilgrims would make their way to <b>Mecca</b> to worship at the shrine called the <b>Kaabah</b> .	
Hanifs were unique in the Arab region because	
while most Arabs were polytheists, <b>Hanifs</b>	
worshipped one god they called <b>Allah</b> .	
Muhammad	What have I learned?
Muhammad was born in Mecca to a powerful	How does the picture below relate to the history of Muhammad?
Meccan family.	
As a young man, Muhammad began working in the <b>caravan</b> trade.	Muhammad traveled in such caravans between Mecca and Medina on behalf of his merchant uncle.
Muhammad eventually married his first wife,	
Khadija, who owned the caravan.	
The Revelations	What have I learned?
Age 40, <b>Muhammad</b> hears the voice of the angel	"Most Gracious, Most Merciful;"
Gabriel while meditating outside a cave.	<ul><li> "Master of the Day of Judgment."</li><li> "Thee do we worship, And Thine aid we seek."</li></ul>
Gabriel "reveals" messages from God.	Courses 'Abdullab Vusuf Ali trans
Muhammad is to deliver the messages or	Source: 'Abdullah Yusuf-Ali, trans., The Meaning of the Holy Qur'an,
"revelations" to the people of Mecca.	Amana Publications (excerpted)
	This translated quotation from the Qur'an (Koran) refers to  A. Buddha B. Muhammad C. Shiva D. Allah

**Muhammad** becomes convinced that he was the **prophet of God (Allah)**.

**Allah** is the one & only god – all other gods must be abandoned.

Islam = "submission to the will of Allah"

Muslim = "one who submits to the will of Allah"

**Muhammad** was **exiled** by the people of **Mecca** because merchants feared the pilgrimages to the city would stop.

Muhammad & his followers were **exiled to Medina.** 

Why do you think Muhammad recited the revelations that he claimed to experience?

- A. He could not read or write.
- B. He did not want his words to appear in written form.
- C. He believed that Allah wanted him to reveal the revelations only by the spoken word.
- D. He believed that others could more accurately record the revelations.

Why did the merchants of Mecca resent/fear Muhammad's message?

The merchants of Mecca feared the pilgrimages to the town and the Kaabah would cease if Muhammad's message spread.

## The Hijrah (Hegira)

Muhammad escaped the persecution in Mecca by **migrating** to the city of **Medina** in 622. In **Yathrib**, Muhammad was accepted as a political & religious leader.

**Yathrib** was renamed **Medina** - (city of the prophet.)

The significance of the migration(Hegira) is that it resulted in the first community of Muslims in Islam.

**622 CE** marks the first year of the Islamic Calendar.

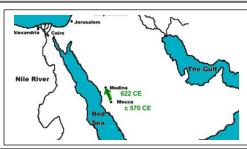
In **630 CE**, Muhammad led his Bedouin fighters towards **Mecca** where leaders soon surrendered.

In Mecca, Muhammad made his way to the **Kaabah**, destroyed its idols & remade it a Muslim shrine by calling for prayer from its rooftop.

## What have I learned?

#### What does this map represent?

Muhammad's Hijirah



The Arabs trace their ancestors to Abraham and his son Ishmael, who were believed to have built a house of worship called the Kaaba at Makkah (Mecca). A sacred stone, called the Black Stone, is the cornerstone of the Kaaba.

The Arabs revered the Ka'aba for its association with the house of God.

## What does the image below represent?



#### Spread of Islam

Reasons for its Quick Spread:

- 1. Exhaustion by the Byzantine and Sassanid Empires
- 2. The ease of Islam for the newly faithful
- 3. Muslim armies spread into lands they conquered.

#### What have I learned?

"Perhaps... another kind of explanation can be given for the acceptance of Arab rule by the population of the conquered countries. To most of them it did not much matter whether they were ruled by Iranians, Greeks or Arabs. Government impinged for the most part on the life of cities....[C]ity-dwellers might not care much who ruled them, provided they were secure, at peace and reasonably taxed. The people of the countryside... lived under their own chiefs and ... with their own customs, and it made little difference to them who ruled the cities. For some, the replacement of Greeks and Iranians by Arabs even offered advantages."

According to the passage, why was Arab rule readily accepted by people in the countryside?

- A. All governments made people's lives difficult.
- B. Arab customs were already familiar to them.
- C. The Arab government treated people in the countryside better than people living in cities.
- D. Arab govt focused on cities and largely left people in the countryside alone.

Beliefs & Practices	What have I learned?
1.Only one God - Allah	1. In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
	2. Praise be to Allah, The Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds;
	3. Most Gracious, Most Merciful;
2. Good and Evil exist	4. Master of the Day of Judgement.
	5. Thee do we worship, And Thine aid we seek.
3. People have Free Will	6. Show us the straight way, 7. The way of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace, Those whose
2 sopre mile 1100 III	(portion) Is not wrath, And who go not astray.
	— 'Abdullah Y <sup>-</sup> usuf 'Al <sup>-</sup> l, ed.,
4. There is a Heaven & Hell, and	The Meaning of The Holy Qur'a⁻n,
there will be a Final Judgement Day	Amana Publications, 1999
The Ouran is the Hely Peak of	Which concept is best reflected in this passage?
5. The Quran is the Holy Book of God	A. Baptism B. Karma
	C. Monotheism
	D. Animism
The 5 Pillars of Islam	What have I learned?
1. Shahadah - sincerely reciting the Muslim	Which practice is most closely associated with a person of the Islamic faith?
profession of faith	A. refraining from eating meat on Fridays     B. praying five times a day
2. Salat - performing ritual prayers in the	C. following the Eightfold Path
proper way five times each day.	D. worshipping the god Shiva
3. Zakat - paying an alms (or charity) tax to	"Ramazan [Ramadan] is an occasion during which believers are thought to be
benefit the poor and the needy	closer to God. Ramazan is a month-long period of fasting, somewhat like Lent only more stringent. It is a time of atonement. It is the month in which the [Quran] was allegedly
4. Sawm - fasting during the month of	revealed to [Muhammad]. It is said: 'When the noble time of Ramazan comes, the doors
Ramadan.	of heaven are opened, the doors of hell closed, and the devils tied down.' In other words, people's souls are opened to God and closed to seytan (devils); they are
5. Hajj - pilgrimage to Mecca.	sustained by God as by food."
or range to recent	—Carol Delaney, The Seed and the Soil: Gender and Cosmology in Turkish Village
Mosque = Islamic House of Worship	Society, 1991
zakat = Charity	According to the passage, what helps people as they fast during Ramadan?
Ramadan = holy month for fasting. Time when	The power of God, which sustains them as food does.
Muslims believe the Qu'ran was revealed	The power of God, which sustains them as food does.
Washins believe the Quran was revealed	
Hajj = Muslim Pilgrimage. Must be made once	
in a lifetime	
Muslim Way of Life	What have I learned?
Forbidden to eat/drink:	Why do you think Muslims are forbidden to drink alcohol?
1. Pork	
2. Alcohol	
Communal prayer held on Friday	
Imam's are prayer leaders.	
Muslim Sources of Authority	What have I learned?
1. Qu'ran	Why do Muslims believe that only the Arabic version of the Qur'an is true?
2. Sunnah	
	Because they believe the Arabic version is the only one that has been passed down unfiltered from Muhammad.
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3. Imams	
4. Sharia	
Body of Law	

Muslims believe that **Jews & Christians** are "**People of the Book**"; that they share a common ancestry---all the way to **Abraham**.

## After Muhammad

#### What have I learned?

## A caliph is a "successor or deputy"

The **1**<sup>st</sup> **Caliph** was Muhammad's father-in-law, **Abu Bakr**.

The **Four Loyal Caliphs** are the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 leaders after Muhammad; named so for their **loyalty** to Muhammad

- 1. Abu Bakr
- 2. Umar
- 3. Uthman
- 4. Ali

In 656, the caliph, Uthman was murdered.

**Ali**, son-in-law of Muhammad was named 4<sup>th</sup> **Caliph** but is challenged by **Uthman's** son, **Mu'awiyah**.

**Uthman** is murdered by a disillusioned follower & **Mu'awiyah** begins Islam's first dynasty – the **Umayyad** dynasty

Growth of Islamic Movement under Abû Bakr	
640 A.D.	Gained control of the Byzantine province of Syria
642 A.D.	Added Egypt and parts of northern Africa to new Arab Empire
650 A.D.	Conquered the entire Persian empire

Based on the table, which is a logical conclusion about the growth of the Islamic movement?

- A. The Arab Empire grew as a result of diplomatic negotiations.
- B. The Red Sea marked the eastern boundary of the Arab Empire.
- C. The growth of the Islamic movement was small in territorial terms.
- D. Arab conquests initially focused on neighboring territories.

When did the conflict between Sunni and Shi'a Muslims begin?

- A. When Muhammad died
- B. Before Muhammad was born
- C. With the Abbasid Dynasty
- D. When Muslims built Mecca

Muhammad died without naming a successor. How might things have been different if he had?

Islam may have remained intact, instead of breaking into Sunni and Shi'a sects that have been contentious ever since.

#### **Islamic Dynasties**

#### What have I learned?

- 1. Umayyad
- 2. Abbasid

#### **Umayyad**

Years = **661-750** 

Capital = Damascus

Contributions to Govt. = set hereditary system of succession

#### Abbasid

Years = 750-1258

Capital = Baghdad

Contributions to Govt.= opened diplomacy with European states

THE SPREAD OF ISLAM, 634–1250

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According to the map, which dynasty carried Islam into Spain & Persia?

Sunni-Shi'a Split – Islamic Sects	What have I learned?
Sunni	How do the beliefs of Shiite and Sunni Muslims differ?
Support = Umayyad	a. Sunnis seek God through mysticism and elaborate rituals.
	b. Shiites believe that a caliph has no prophetic functions.
Adherents? = Majority of Muslims	c. Shiites are followers of Muhammad's son-in-law, Ali.
Imam = prayer leader only	d. Sunnis are followers of Muhammad's son-in-law, Ali.
illiani – prayer leader omy	The accepted the Umayyads as rulers.
Caliph = any righteous Muslim may be one	A. Shi'a C. Sunnis
, , ,	B. sheikhs D. Ka'abas
Shi'a (Shi'ite)	
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Adherents? = Minority of Muslims	
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Imam = spiritual leader	
	Muslim mystics who sought communion with God through meditation and
Caliph = Must be descended of Ali and	fasting were called
Fatima	a. Sunnis. c. Shiites.
Sufis are they mystical sect of Islam.	b. <b>Sufis.</b> d. Shahs.
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End of the Spread of Islam	What have I learned?
	Which of the following was a result of the Battle of Tours?
1.	A. Islamic forces gained control of the entire Arabian Peninsula
Frankish king, Charles Martel stops	B. Muslim expansion into Europe was halted
Muslim advance into Europe.	C. The Byzantine Empire ceased to exist D. Spain fell under the control of Islamic forces
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2. Grandson of Genghis Khan burns	
city & kills last <b>Abbasid caliph.</b>	
The Muslim Golden Age - Urban Centers	What have I learned?
Education in Muslim cities increased with the	Which statement about the Golden Age of Islam is a fact rather than an
creation of universities.	opinion?
Manation and alone of	A. Islamic art was more abstract than Greek art B. Muslims were the best early mathematicians
Muslim scholars played an important role in	C. Islamic society preserved Greek and Roman culture
translating & thereby preserving the works of	D. Muslim artists had more talent than European artists
Greece & Rome.	
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Role of Women in Islam	What have I learned?
Rights of women were/are determined by	True or False: Throughout history, Muslim women have had few rights.
interpreters of the Koran/Quran.	
Women were responsible for the <b>children</b> & <b>home</b> but could also get an <b>education</b> .	False
Women are often covered by garments called <b>Burkhas</b> .	
Muslim Universities	What have I learned?
The first <b>Muslim University</b> , called the <b>House of Wisdom</b> was opened by Caliph <b>al-Ma'mum</b> in the 800's CE.	According to the image below, what types of activities occurred in the House of Wisdom?
The House of Wisdom included a: 1. library 2. academy 3. translation center Muslim scholars interpreted/translated works from: 1. Greece 2. Rome 3. India	Scholarship and debate
4. Persia  Muslim Medical Advances	What have I learned?
The physician al-Razi compiled Medical	vviiat nave i leatneur
knowledge from Greece, Syria, India & Arabia into	Achievements of Islam
an encyclopedia called the Comprehensive Book	perfected the astrolabe
The state of the s	developed medicine as a field of scientific study
	sought a scientific basis for studying history
In his study of Smallpox, Al Razi wrote that clean	Islamic art and architecture
air could aid in recovery as well as good nutrition	in literature, the Rubaiyat and The Arabian Nights
& exercise. Al Razi's findings were written in the	According to the chart, what field did Muslims develop as a field of scientific study?
Treatise on Smallpox & Measles.	study:
	Medicine
Muslim Mathematical Achievements	What have I learned?
Most of the achievements made in mathematics	One similarity between the Gupta Empire and the Arab dynasties of the Islamic Golden Age is that they
were a result of their study of astronomy.	A. made advances in mathematics and literature
The mathematician al-Khwarizmi created a	B. gained wealth by obtaining gold from the Americas
technique called <b>Al-Jabr</b> known today as	C. stressed the importance of dharma and karma
Algebra.	D. controlled territories around the Mediterranean seacoast
In addition, the mathematical principle of trigonometry developed during the Muslim Golden Age.	

Muslims adopted the **Indian numeral system**. With its spread, it became known as the **Arabic Numeral System**.

Why were Arabs given credit for the numerical system created by the Indians?

Because they were responsible for its widespread adoption

#### **Muslim Scientific Achievements**

Muslims were among the first to use **observation** in science as well as try to replicate what they saw by **conducting experiments** in a **lab** setting.

The scientist **Ibn al-Haytham** produced the first book on **Optics** leading to the **development of lenses** for **telescopes** & **microscopes**.

The **5 Pillars of Islam** led to many advances in **Astronomy**. Advances were made in the science of **cartography** or **map-making**.

To **navigate the seas**, the scientific instrument known as the **astrolabe** was invented.

## What have I learned?

What does this image represent?

Muslims scholars conducting research into astronomical matters



## **Muslim Literature**

The rich tradition of **Muslim storytelling** dates back to the **Bedouin** tribes who would tell stories in their camps at night.

The **Quran** is considered to be the most **standard** for all Islamic literature.

The most famous Muslim stories are found in **The Thousand and One Nights**; a mixture of fairy tales, parables, & legends.

The collection of poems called the **The Rubaiyat** of **Omar Khayyam** was written by **Omar Khayyam** who was a Mathematician & Astronomer as well as a poet.

## What have I learned?

The story of the character below is found in what collection of stories?

Aladdin - The Thousand and One Nights



## Omar Khayyám is most famous for

A. perfecting the sailboat, which made it possible for Europeans to sail to the Americas.

B. writing a medical encyclopedia that became a textbook for medieval European university students.

C. his literary works, especially the Rubaiyat.

D. developing chess, which is still played around the world today.

#### **Muslim Architecture**

Muslim art & literature is enhanced by the **art of beautiful handwriting** called **calligraphy**.

**Calligraphy** as well as **mosaics** (art using colored tiles, etc.) would often decorate the mosques.

Much of Islamic architecture is a blending of **Byzantine** architecture with Islamic ideas.

#### What have I learned?

The passage below is written using calligraphy.



Muslim mosques almost always include **prayer towers** called **minarets**.

## **Examples of Islamic Architecture:**

The **Taj Mahal** located in **India** was built by Shah Jahan as a tomb for his wife.

The **Dome of the Rock** in Jerusalem is a Mosque built on a site which is considered sacred to both Muslims and Jews.

#### Name the structures below.

#### Taj Mahal



#### Dome of the Rock



By 750, the Muslim empire included all of Southwest Asia, Asia to the borders of India and China, most of Spain, and all of North Africa. The Muslim government was a theocracy—that is, the caliphs were religious as well as political leaders. Laws were based on the Muslim holy book, the Quran. Muslim leaders adapted laws to local practices.

## What type of government was the Muslim empire?

- A. one headed by a monarch
- B. one run by a collection of educated experts
- C. one run by religious leaders
- D. one run by an elite few

"They [the Arabs] were aided by the weakness of the two contemporary empires, the Sassanian (Persian) and the Byzantine, which had largely exhausted themselves by their wars on one another . . . . Nor were these Arabs simply zealots fired by the ideal of a Holy War. They were by long tradition tough fighters, accustomed to raiding out of hunger and want; many or perhaps even most of them were not ardent followers of Muhammad. Yet there can be little question that what got the Arabs started, and kept them going, was mainly the personality and the teaching of the prophet."

—Herbert J. Muller, The Loom of History, 1958

## According to the passage, the weakness of the aided the Arabs.

- A. Persian Empire
- C. Byzantine Empire
- B. Roman Empire
- D. Both A and C

## According to the passage, the majority of Muslims were NOT \_\_\_\_.

- A. tough fighters
- C. ardent followers of Muhammad
- B. city dwellers
- D. peasants who lived on the land

# Review the map. What does the placement of the mosque and the palace imply?

- A. The residents of Baghdad were permitted to live next to the mosque.
- B. That only the ruler had the right to worship at the mosque.
- C. That there is a close relationship between government and religion.
- D. That few people could worship at the mosque because it was behind walls.

## Baghdad, 700-900 CE

