

 **Guided Reading Activity 6-1**

**The Rise of Islam**

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer the following questions as you read Section 1.

1. What language did the Arabs speak, and where did they live?  
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2. How were Arabian tribes ruled, and how were the rulers selected?  
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3. What accomplishment made it possible for the Arabs to begin to take part in the caravan trade?  
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4. What object became the principal object of worship among the Arabs?  
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5. As Muhammad grew to manhood, what did he find troubling within his culture?  
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6. What do Muslims believe was given to Muhammad while he meditated alone in the hills?  
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7. What written document resulted from Muhammad's revelations from Allah?  
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8. Define the *Hijrah*.  
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9. What are three similarities between Islam, Christianity, and Judaism?  
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10. What is a difference between Islam and Christianity?  
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11. Name the Five Pillars of Islam.  
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**SECTION 6-1**


 **Guided Reading Activity 6-2**

**The Arab Empire and Its Successors**

**DIRECTIONS:** As you are reading the section, decide if a statement is true or false. Write **T** if the statement is true or **F** if the statement is false. For all false statements, write a corrected statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Muhammad left clear instructions as to who would succeed him at death.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Raiding one's enemies was known in the Quran as the "struggle in the way of God," or jihad.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The courage of the Arab soldiers was enhanced by the fact that they had superior weapons to most of their enemies.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The general Mu'āwiyah was known for one outstanding trait: he used more force than necessary whether it was needed or not.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Mu'āwiyah moved the capital of the Arab Empire from Madinah to Damascus, Syria.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Arab expansion in Europe came to a halt because of geographical barriers that stood in the way of advancing Arab armies.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The Shia Muslims accept only the descendants of Ali as the true rulers of Islam, while the Sunni Muslims claim the descendants of the Umayyads were the true caliphs.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. In 1187 Saladin's army invaded the kingdom of Jerusalem and destroyed the Christian forces there.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. As a result of the Mongol destruction of Baghdad, the new center of Islamic civilization became Cairo, in Egypt.  
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**SECTION 6-2**


**Guided Reading Activity 6-3**
**Islamic Civilization**

**DIRECTIONS:** Fill in the blanks below as you read Section 3.

For the most part, the period of the Arab Empire was (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Trade was carried both by ship and by (2) \_\_\_\_\_ caravans, which traveled from Morocco in the far west to the countries beyond the Caspian Sea. The development of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and the use of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ made it easier to exchange goods.

(5) \_\_\_\_\_, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ were the centers of administrative, cultural, and economic activity for their regions. Usually the most impressive urban buildings were the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for the caliphs and the great (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for worship. Rules for sale of meat in the market stated, "Grilled meats should only be made with (10) \_\_\_\_\_ meat and not with meat coming from a sick animal and bought for its cheapness."

To be a Muslim is not simply to worship Allah but also to live one's life according to Allah's teachings as revealed in the (11) \_\_\_\_\_. According to Islam, all peoples are equal in the eyes of Allah except one; (12) \_\_\_\_\_ were not considered equal. Slavery was (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Islamic world.

The Quran granted women (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ equality with men. Both had (16) \_\_\_\_\_ and (17) \_\_\_\_\_. Most men had only one wife because the men were required to pay (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to their bride. Women had the right to freely enter into marriage, but they also had the right of (19) \_\_\_\_\_.



## Guided Reading Activity 6-4

### The Culture of Islam

**DIRECTIONS:** Fill in the blanks below as you read Section 4.

1. Arabs were not only aware of Greek \_\_\_\_\_, they were translating works by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into Arabic.
2. The Muslims adopted and passed on the \_\_\_\_\_ system of India, including the use of the zero.
3. They also perfected the \_\_\_\_\_, an instrument that made it possible for Europeans to sail to the Americas.
4. Ibn-Khaldūn, who lived in the fourteenth century, was the most prominent Muslim \_\_\_\_\_ of the age.
5. One of the most familiar works of Middle Eastern literature is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Omar Khayyám.
6. The Great Mosque of \_\_\_\_\_ in present-day \_\_\_\_\_ was the world's largest mosque at the time it was built, covering 10 acres.
7. Because the Muslim religion combines \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ power in one, palaces also reflected the glory of Islam.
8. One feature of these palaces that looked like castles was a \_\_\_\_\_ over the entrance gate with holes through which \_\_\_\_\_ could be poured down on the heads of attacking forces.
9. The finest example of the Islamic palace is the fourteenth-century \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain.
10. No \_\_\_\_\_ of the prophet Muhammad ever adorns a mosque, in painting or in any other art form.