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Islam Webquest

Part 1

Start here: <http://www.pbs.org/muhammad/index.shtml>

- click on "The Life of Muhammad" at the bottom of the screen
- click on the first item on the timeline "Muhammad's Birth and Infancy"
 - o You can maneuver through the timeline by clicking on the white circles above the paragraph on each page. Work your way through the timeline to complete the questions below.

Muhammad was born in the year _____ in the town of _____. His name derives from the Arabic verb Hamada, meaning "_____." Muhammad was raised by his _____ Amina, who entrusted her son at an early age to a wet nurse. He grew up in the hill country, learning their pure _____.

When Muhammad was five or six his mother took him to _____ to visit his father's grave. _____ took ill and died. Muhammad was placed in the care of his _____ grandfather.

When Muhammad was eight, his grandfather died and he passed to his uncle _____.

Muhammad worked as a _____ to help pay his keep to his uncle. He often traveled with his uncle. Older merchants recognized his character and nicknamed him _____, which means the one you can _____.

Muhammad wed Khadija, a woman of _____ years old in the year _____. Muhammad was _____ years of age. Together they had _____ children.

Mecca's new _____ and its traditional _____ disturbed Muhammad. He began making long _____ to a mountain _____ outside town. On one occasion, he was visited by an overpowering presence and _____ to _____ words that he and others attributed to God. It was several _____ before he talked to anyone about it outside of his family.

After several similar experiences, Muhammad began to reveal the messages to his tribe. These later became the _____. Muhammad and his followers were _____ and ridiculed, and physically _____ for departing from traditional ways. Eventually, an attempt was made directly on _____.

In _____, Muhammad and his followers left _____ and traveled to _____. He remained here for the next _____ years, building the first _____ community and gathered more followers.

Muhammad's final years were from 630 to _____. He returned to live in _____. He consolidated most of the _____ under _____. On _____ he died after a brief illness. He is buried in the _____ in Medina. Within a hundred years, Muhammad's teaching and way of life had spread from the remote corners of _____ as far east as _____ and as far west as _____, France, and _____.

Part 2

Directions:

- Upon completion of the "Life of Muhammad", click on "Virtual Hajj" at the top of the screen.
- Be sure to begin with "Step 1" and proceed in chronological order through the five steps
- Complete the following questions based on the virtual hajj

1. What is the first step called? Where does the first rites of the Hajj take place? List all of the characteristics of a pilgrim that they leave behind upon crossing into Hajj territory.

2. In order to mark this profound change of status, what do both men and women do?

3. What is the second step called? Every pilgrim performs several rites, what is the first? Describe it in detail.

4. What saved Hagar and Ishmael, according to Islam? What do the pilgrims do with it during the Hajj?

5. During which step does the Hajj become a moveable ritual? What do the pilgrims leave behind as they settle in the Mina Valley?

6. What is the name of the open plain at which the pilgrims rest? What do they do here?

7. On what day does step 5 take place? What is the stoning? What occurs at the end of the Hajj? What do the pilgrims do before leaving Mecca to return home?
