**Unit 3: Islam Guided Notes**

**How did Islam begin?**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – born in Mecca A.D. 570
* Mecca was a center of trade, with a mixture of religions (Christians and Jews – monotheists, and many Arabs who were polytheists)
* Worried about greed, mistreatment of the poor and spent time in the desert thinking about life and suffering.
* Said the angel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_told him he was to be a prophet of God (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

**What was Muhammad’s Message?**

* Message was simple: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so everyone should be treated equally. (monotheistic)
* Merchants not happy with Muhammad’s new religion. Saw it as a threat to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Mecca.
* Bedouins and Arabs visited Mecca on religious pilgrimages – Shrine of Ka’aba and other statues of Arabic gods. Mix of polytheism and animism.
* Afraid that if people of Arabia became Islamic, the visits would stop.

**Exile and Return**

* Muhammad left Mecca (622 C.E.) and went to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – formed the beginnings of an Islamic state.
* 630 C.E. returned to Mecca with army of followers to conquer city for Islam.
* Cleared Shrine of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of pagan gods and rededicated it as Islamic house of worship.
* Appealed to Arabic people to follow him, whole Arabian Peninsula under Islamic rule.

**Qur’an/Koran**

* Text revealed to Muhammad over 22 year period by angel Gabriel.
* Text written in Arabic, supposed to only be read in Arabic to understand its truth.
* Became the holy book of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Final authority in matters of faith and lifestyle.

**Five Pillars of Faith**

* 1 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger.
* 2 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (with ritual washing)
* 3 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – annual tax to help the poor.
* 4 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during holy month of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (no food from dawn to sunset)
* 5 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - pilgrimage to Mecca

**Reasons for the Split: Sunni and Shiites**

* Sunnis
  + Believed caliph, or successor to Muhammad, should be chosen by leaders of the Muslim community.
  + Viewed caliph as a leader, not as a religious authority.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Muslim population
* Shiites/Shia
  + Believed that only descendants of Muhammad could become caliph.
  + Believed descendants of Muhammad to be divinely inspired.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Muslim population

**HOW DID THEY EXPAND SO QUICKLY?**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – often more tolerant than other conquerors.  
   - did not demand conversion to Islam.  
   - tolerant of Christians and Jews.  
   - could pay extra taxes or accept Islam.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MUSLIM TRADE ROUTES**

* Muslims were at the center of a trade network that ran from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Other cultures demanded quality goods produced by Muslims.
  + *Textiles manufactured from silk, cotton and wool*
  + *Beautiful woven tapestries and carpets*
  + *Metal products (gold and silver)*
  + *Steel swords*
  + *Jewelry, perfumes, spices pottery, glassware*
* Exchange of ideas with other cultures
  + *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, geography, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**CONTRIBUTIONS OF ISLAMIC SCHOLARS**

* Medicine
  + Advances in development and preparation of ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ drugs.

**GEOGRAPHY**

* More accurate measurement of distances on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Improved the astrolabe (allowed you to chart your position on earth based on position of stars)
* Ibn Battuta – travelled about 75,000 miles – visited the kingdom of every Muslim ruler, visited China – his travels showed Muslim domination of the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Chinese waters.