

The History of Islam

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The Birth of Islam

- Islam was founded by _____ in the 7th century AD. Mohammed was an Arab born in Mecca in present-day Saudi Arabia. According to the *Koran*, in AD 610, Angel _____ asked Mohammed to preach that _____ was the only god. Later, Mohammed started to preach the words of Allah in Mecca. He was regarded as the messenger and prophet of Allah.
- Islam is an Arabic word, meaning 'submitting to Allah'. Its followers are called '_____', meaning 'those submitting to Allah'.
- Islam harmed the interests of priests, nobles and merchants in Mecca. They joined together and tried to kill Mohammed. In AD 622, Mohammed and his followers fled from Mecca to Yathrib. This flight was known as the _____. Mohammed set up his base in Yathrib and renamed it _____, meaning the 'City of the Prophet'.
- In AD 630, Mohammed led an army and captured Mecca. He then removed all idols from the _____. As _____ was the birthplace of Mohammed, Muslims call it the '_____ city'. It became the centre of Islam.
- Islamic teachings state that Muslims must worship only Allah and believe in the words of the holy book, the _____. Muslims also have to follow the Five Pillars of Islam

Development of Islam

- Under the leadership of Mohammed, Islam spread throughout Arabia. After Mohammed's death, his followers conquered many places in the _____ East and spread Islam there. By the 7th and the 8th century AD, Islam had spread to Central Asia, northern India, Southern Europe and Northern Africa. By the 13th century AD, Islam had spread from India to Southeast Asia. It also spread to many European countries when the Ottoman Empire expanded westwards.

- Mohammed died in AD 632. Some followers supported _____ (Mohammed's cousin and son-in-law) as his successor. They were called the 'Shiat Ali'. The Arabic word 'Shiat' means '_____':
- However, most of Mohammed's followers opposed Ali and stated the successor should be elected according to tradition. This group was called the 'Sunni', which means '_____':
- Islam is thus divided into Sunni Islam and Shia Islam. Today, Sunni Islam is the largest branch of Islam. About 90 % Muslims are Sunnis.

PQ 1: Who founded Islam?

PQ 2: Who do the Muslims think is the only god.?

PQ 3: What religious texts did Muslims study?
