

## AP World History - Ch 7 Flashcards

1. **bedouin**: nomadic pastoralists of the Arabian peninsula with a culture based on herding camels and goats.
2. **shaykhs**: leaders of tribes and clans within bedouin society; usually possessed large herds, several wives, and many children.
3. **Mecca**: Arabian commercial center; dominated by the Quraysh; the home of Muhammad and the future center of Islam.
4. **Umayyad**: clan of the Quraysh that dominated Mecca; later an Islamic dynasty.
5. **Quraysh**: tribe of bedouins that controlled Mecca in the 7th century C.E.
6. **Muhammad**: (570–632); prophet of Allah; originally a merchant of the Quraysh.
7. **Qur'an**: the word of god as revealed through Muhammad; made into the holy book of Islam.
8. **umma**: community of the faithful within Islam.
9. **zakat**: tax for charity obligatory for all Muslims.
10. **five pillars**: the obligatory religious duties for all Muslims: confession of faith, prayer, fasting during Ramadan, zakat, and hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca).
11. **hajj**: a Muslim's pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca to worship Allah at the Ka'ba.
12. **Ridda wars**: wars following Muhammad's death; the defeat of rival prophets and opponents restored the unity of Islam.
13. **jihads**: Islamic holy war.
14. **Sunnis**: followers of the majority interpretation within Islam; included the Umayyads.
15. **mawali**: non-Arab converts to Islam.
16. **jizya**: head tax paid by all non-Muslims in Islamic lands.
17. **hadiths**: "traditions" of the prophet Muhammad; added to the Qur'an; form the essential writings of Islam.
18. **Abbasid**: dynasty that succeeded the Umayyads in 750; their capital was at Baghdad.
19. **dhow**: Arab sailing vessels; equipped with lateen sails; used by Arab merchants.
20. **ayan**: the wealthy, landed elite that emerged under the Abbasids.