

AP World History

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1. Why is this time period called “Post-Classical”?
2. Why do you think trade routes are just as important as political re-arrangements?
3. Why do you think the authors use the image of a spider’s web to describe the links between societies?
4. Why do you think travelers’ writings (Marco Polo, Ibn Battuta) will become important in this era?
5. What is the hajj?
6. What did Islamic rulers do to help accommodate it?
7. Briefly describe the political and social organization of the Bedouin people of the Arabian Peninsula.
8. Briefly describe Muhammad’s early life.
9. When did he go through a “spiritual transformation”?
10. How did he receive his messages from Allah?
11. What is the Quran and how did it come about?
12. What is the *hadith*?
13. What is the Ka’ba?

14. Why were Muhammad and his followers forced to leave Mecca? What is this called?

15. What did Muhammad mean when he said he was the “seal of the prophets”?

16. Briefly describe Muhammad’s triumphant return to Mecca.

17-21 (5 Points). What are the Five Pillars of Islam?

I.

II.

III.

IV.

V.

22. What is *jihad*? Be prepared to discuss the 3 different interpretations of this Islamic doctrine.

23. What is *sharia*? What is its role in Islamic Society?

24. Who was Abu Bakr? What is a Caliph?

25. Briefly describe the early expansion of Islamic controlled territories.

26. Who are the Shia (often called Shi’ites)?

27. Who are the Sunni?

28. What were the years of the Umayyad Dynasty? How did they come to rule the Islamic lands?

29. What is the *jizya*? Why did conquered people feel oppressed by Umayyad rule?