Origins of Islam



Warm Up Question

 What was the name of the Roman emperor who issued the Edict of Milan? What was the Edict of Milan?

 Who spread Jesus teachings? What was his name?



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Geography and Life in Arabia

- Arabia is mostly a **desert land**.
- Two ways of life—<u>nomadic</u> and <u>sedentary</u>—developed in the desert.



Arabia is mostly a desert land.

- The Arabian Peninsula lies near the intersection of three continents, so it is called a <u>"crossroads" location</u>.
 - <u>Africa</u>
 - <u>Asia</u>
 - <u>Europe</u>
- Arabia's location has shaped its **physical features.**



Muhammad The Prophet

- Muhammad became a prophet and introduced a religion called Islam in Arabia.
- Muhammad's teachings had similarities to <u>Judaism</u> and <u>Christianity</u>, but they also presented new ideas.
- Islam spread in Arabia after being **rejected** at first.

 Muslims believe that God spoke to <u>Muhammad</u> through an <u>angel</u> (<u>Gabriel</u>) and made him a prophet.

 The <u>messages</u> he received were the basis for Islam and were collected in the <u>holy book</u> of Islam called the <u>Quran.</u>



Allah

- Muhammad taught that there was only one God, <u>Allah</u>, which means <u>"the God"</u> in Arabic. This is similar to <u>Christianity</u> and Judaism.
- Muslims also <u>recognize</u> many of the <u>same prophets</u> as Christians and Jews.
- Muslims don't believe that Jesus was the son of God.
- Arabs were used to worshipping <u>many gods</u>, so many of them <u>rejected</u> Muhammad's teachings.

Islam Rejected At First

- Islam spread from <u>Mecca</u> to <u>Medina</u>.
 - Rulers of Mecca began to <u>threaten</u> Muhammad and his followers with violence as Islam started to influence more people.
 - Muhammad <u>left Mecca</u> and went to <u>Medina</u>.
 - This <u>departure</u> became known in Muslim history as the <u>journey</u>.
 - Islam thrived in <u>Medina</u>, and other Arab tribes in the region accepted Islam.



Islam Spreads from Medina to the Rest of Arabia

- Muhammad's house became the first mosque, or building for Muslim prayer.
- He reported new revelations about <u>rules for society</u>, government, and worship.
- Mecca finally welcomed Muhammad back to the city and <u>accepted</u> <u>Islam</u> as its religion.

The Quran and the Sunnah

Sacred texts called the **<u>Quran</u>** and the <u>**Sunnah**</u> guide Muslims in their religion, daily life, and laws.

Main Ideas

- The Quran guides Muslims' lives.
- The Sunnah tells Muslims of **important duties** expected of them.
- **Islamic law** is based on the Quran and the Sunnah.



The Sunnah

- The <u>hadith</u> is the written record of Muhammad's words and actions. It is the basis for the <u>Sunnah</u>.
- The Sunnah provides a model for the duties and <u>way of life</u> expected of Muslims.
- The first duties of a Muslim are known as the <u>Five Pillars of</u> <u>Islam</u>, which are five acts of worship required of all Muslims.

History Close-up

Nomads and Townspeople

The city of Mecca is shown here as it might have looked in the late 500s. Nomads from the desert and merchants from distant countries all came to trade at Mecca. Trade made some Meccan merchants wealthy.

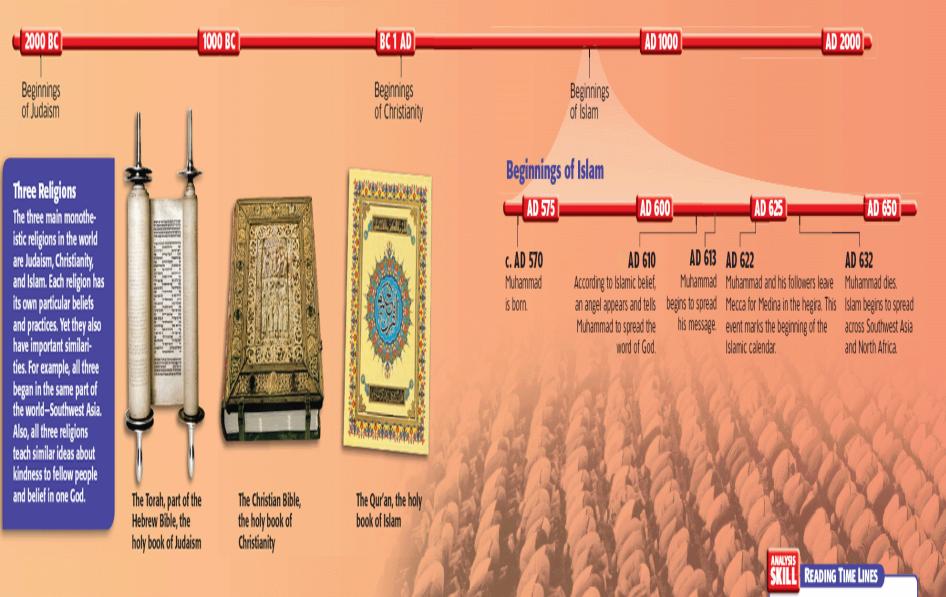
> Towns developed near oases, where access to water allowed people to grow food.

Towns became centers of trade for both nomads and townspeople. Merchants traded goods like leather, food, spices, and blankets.

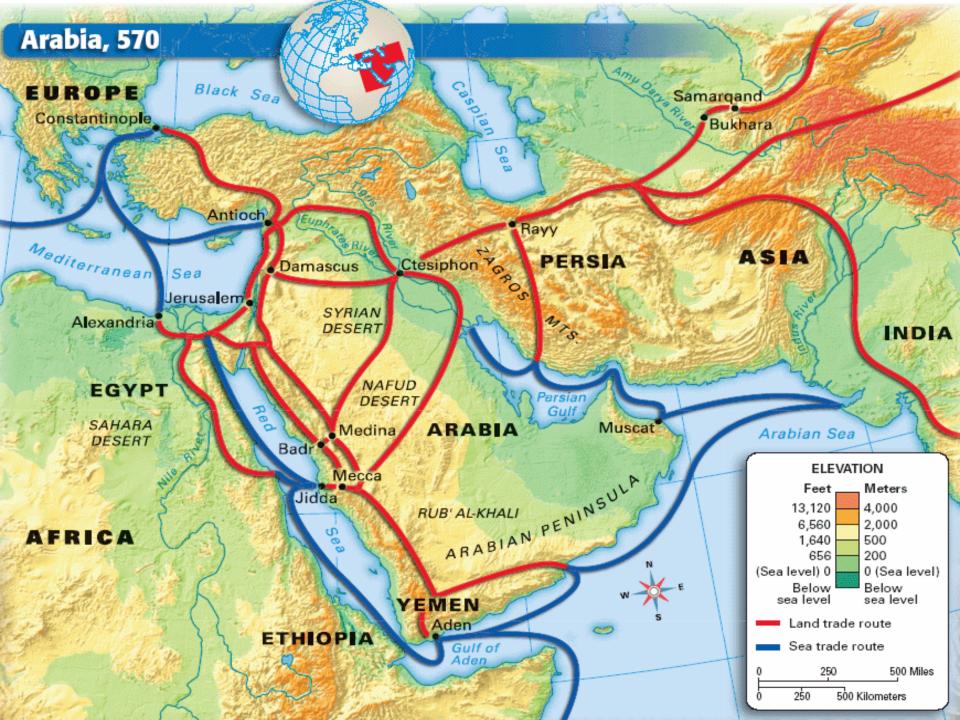
Nomads traveled across Arabia, moving their animals as the seasons changed.

SKILL ANALYZING VISUALS

How can you tell which figures are nomads and which figures are townspeople?



About how long after the beginnings of Christianity were the beginnings of Islam?





This drawing shows the mosque at Medina as it appeared in the 1100s.

What features of the building can you see?



The Five Pillars of Islam

QUICK Saying "There Praying five Giving to Fasting dur-Traveling to is no god but times a day ing the holy Mecca at least the poor God, and and needy month of once on a hajj Muhammad Ramadan is his prophet" ANALYSIS SKILL **ANALYZING VISUALS** Which of the five pillars shows how Muslims are supposed to treat other people?