

Name _____

Eurasian History: Islamic Civilization – “The Rise of Islam”

Due:

Directions: Read Chapter X, Section I of *World History: Patterns of Interaction* (pages 263-268) and respond to the prompts below.

Rationale: In order to understand the impact that early Islamic civilization has had on the present, we must first seek an understanding of the key events and personalities during the 7th century A.D./C.E.

1. What were the key values of the Bedouins and how did their organization affect their lives?

2. How did the geographic location of the Arabian affect the types of people that came into the peninsula and economic life? In other words, who came across the peninsula and what did they do?

3. What was the importance of the Ka’aba and Mecca to the Bedouin people?

4. Explain how Muhammad’s life changed in 610 A.D./C.E. What did he believe had happened to him and what did he begin to do?

5. Define “Islam”:
6. Define “Muslim”:

7. Why were Muhammad and his message perceived of as a threat to some members of the community in Mecca?

8. What was the importance of the Hijrah? How did it reshape Muhammad's role in the new Muslim community?

9. What did Muhammad do when he and his followers entered the city of Mecca in 630 A.D./C.E.?

10. Review "The Five Pillars" of Islam. To what extent would these core beliefs provide a form of "social cement" to the previously divided tribes of the Arabian Peninsula?

11. Define "Ulama":
12. Define "Qur'an":
13. Define "Sunna":
14. Define "Shari'a":
15. What are the key differences and similarities between Islam, Christianity, and Judaism?