

# Chapter 10 *Islamic Civilization*

## Rise of Islam: Section 1

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**A**

Answer the questions below...

1. What evidence supports the conclusion that Muhammad had a rewarding life as a young man?
2. How would you compare the reactions to Muhammad in Mecca and Yathrib?
3. Which of the Five Pillars most directly reflects a commitment to social justice?
4. Why do you think Muslims consider only the Arabic version of the Qur'an to be the true word of Allah?

Illustrate the Five Pillars.

Draw a mural representing all parts of this ethical code OR create 5 separate drawings.

Explain the meaning of the Fiver Pillars.

## Islam Expands: Section 2



Answer the questions below...

5. How does conflict over the moving of the capital show a drawback of having a large empire?

6. Why might the Sufis have rejected the luxuries of the Umayyads?

7. How would you compare the Abbasids' treatment of the Umayyads in 750 and the Muslims' treatment of the non-Muslims in Damascus in the mid-600s?

8. What similarities did Abbasid rule share with the U.S. government?

9. How united was the Muslim Empire politically and economically?

**D**  
List the basic differences between  
Sunni and Shi'a Muslims.

Illustrate those differences with a  
mural representing the Sunni and  
Shi'a.

Answer the questions below...

10. Why do you think religion influenced a person's class in Baghdad more than other factors?
11. What makes you think that Muslim women had more economic and property rights than in some other cultures?
12. How rigid was the class structure of Muslim society?

13. Why was losing information more of a threat 1,200 years ago than it is today?
14. What do the activities in the House of Wisdom imply about how Muslims viewed non-Muslim cultures?
15. Identify a story/movie you have read/seen containing a theme that was common in Muslim literature of this period?
16. How did Muslim beliefs affect the subject matter of paintings?

Muslim Culture: Section 3



Take notes and use illustrations to help you understand the following concepts...

