

- Islam
 - Birthplace of Islam = Arabian peninsula
 - Region = culturally isolated
 - Majority pop = Bedouins
 - Lived tribal patterns
 - Leader = *shaykh*
 - Tribe responsible for all
 - Life = harsh
 - Fighting = common
 - Towns near oases
 - Ex. Mecca
 - *Ka'bah*
- Coming of Muhammad
 - Born around 570
 - Member of Hashimate clan
 - Raised by Quraysh tribe
 - Returned; married Khadijah
 - Muhammad = “manager” of caravans
 - Change = 610
 - Gabriel visits while praying on Mt. Hira
 - Returns home
 - Receives more revelations

- Allah tells him to go public
 - Mission = spread revelations
 - Tensions rise
 - Forced to flee Mecca
- Invited to Medina
 - Arbitrates dispute between Jews & Arabs
 - Drafts Constitution
 - Changed *qibla*
 - Move = *hijra*
- Flock grows slowly
- Continues receiving messages
 - Revelations collected in Koran
- Islam = “submission”
 - “Muslims” = followers of God’s will
 - Absorb Jewish & Christian prophets
 - Prediction = final judgment
- Directs communication against polytheists
 - NOTE: Jews & Christians = *dhimmi*
- Islam = ethical system
 - Dictates way of life via *Sharia*
 - Five pillars