

**Chapter 11, Section 1:
The Rise of Islam**

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*Thoughtful
question about text
and/or illustration*

Directions: As you read, fill in the blanks with the appropriate words. Use pp373-375

Daily Life In Early Arabia: Most of the (1)_____ peninsula is covered by (2)_____. One can find water at (3)_____ which are fed by underground springs. Early Arabs were organized into tribes headed by a (4)_____.

Nomadic desert herders called (5)_____ grazed their goats, (6)_____ and sheep as they moved from oasis to oasis. They ate little (7)_____ because their animals were too valuable to them.

Villages were located near (8)_____ or (9)_____. They traded goods with Bedouins who traveled more safely in (10)_____. Arab merchants organized trade between the (11)_____ Sea and (12)_____. Eventually trade cities developed. One of the largest was called (13)_____ and was located on the coast of the (14)_____. It was not only an important trade center, but held a great deal of (15)_____ significance.

In the center of Makkah was located the (16)_____, a square building surrounded by statues of gods and goddesses. Religious voyagers called (17)_____ made their way to Makkah. Arabians were (18)_____, meaning they worshipped many gods and goddesses. *Think about it – word not in text!*

Using Geography Skills: (p.374)

19. Which empire was located north and west of the Arabian Peninsula? _____
20. About how far is it from Makkah to Yathrib? _____
21. To travel from Constantinople to Jerusalem, you would travel in which direction? _____
22. Where is the source of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers? _____

Muhammad: Islam's Prophet (23) _____ was born in 570 in the city of (24)_____. His parents died when he was young, so he was raised by his (25)_____. As a teenager, he worked as a (26)_____ leader and then became a (27)_____.

Muhammad was unhappy because he believed the wealthy town leaders should honor their (28)_____, be fair in business, and help the (29)_____. In about (30) _____ he said an angel visited him and told him to preach (31) _____. Islam means "(32)_____." (33)_____ is the Arabic word for God.

When Muhammad returned to Makkah, he told people not to believe in (34) _____ and only to worship (35)_____. He said that all people were (36) _____ and that the (37)_____ should help the poor. He believed that on the Day of Judgment God would (38)_____ those who were good and (39)_____ evildoers.

Wealthy people did not like what Muhammad was saying because they thought (40) _____.

They often (41)_____ and tortured Muhammad and his followers. As a result, Muhammad and his followers went to Yathrib. This journey became known as the (42)_____. Yathrib welcomed Muhammad and the city was renamed (43)_____, the "city of the prophet." Muhammad was accepted as God's prophet (messenger) and (44)_____. He was a good leader and used Islamic laws to settle (45)_____ and required Muslims to be loyal to the (46)_____ over their tribe.

To protect his new government, Muhammad built a(n) (47)_____. His soldiers conquered (48)_____ in 630 and made it a holy city. By the time Muhammad died in (49)_____, Islam was spreading throughout the (50)_____ peninsula.