

Glossary

CHAPTER 10 The Muslim World

alms Money for the poor
Bedouins Nomadic people of Arabia, North Africa, or Syria
deputy An assistant or representative who can take over when the leader is absent
fasting Restricting what one eats

fertile Word that describes soil that is good for growing crops
flourish Do well
idols Images or objects that people worship
Ka'aba Muslim shrine

oasis Place in a desert with enough water to support plant life
prophet Person said to speak the word of God
scholarship Learning
successor Person who comes after and takes the place of someone else

AFTER YOU READ

Terms and Names

A. Write the name or term in each blank that best completes the meaning of the paragraph.

shari'a
 Islam
 hajj
 Allah
 Muslim

Muhammad is the prophet of the religion called **1** _____. The word that names a follower of this religion is **2** _____. One of the central beliefs of this religion is that there is only one god, **3** _____. Among the required practices of followers is the giving of alms, or aid, for the poor. Followers must also make a **4** _____, or pilgrimage, to Mecca at least once in a lifetime. Believers also follow a body of law known as **5** _____. It gives guidance on practical matters of daily life.

B. Write the letter of the name or term next to the description that explains it best.

a. Umayyad
b. Fatimid
c. Abbasid
d. Hijrah
e. Sufi

___ **1.** Muhammad's move from Mecca to Yathrib (Medina)
 ___ **2.** Member of a Muslim caliphate that traced its ancestry to Muhammad's daughter
 ___ **3.** Caliphate that ruled much of the Muslim Empire from A.D. 750 to 1258
 ___ **4.** Caliphate that ruled the Muslim Empire from A.D. 661 to 750
 ___ **5.** Muslim who pursues a life of poverty and spirituality.

Main Ideas

1. Who was Muhammad, and what did he teach?

2. Explain the importance of the Qur'an and Sunna in Muslim life.

3. Why did many conquered peoples accept Islam? What happened to those who did not?

4. What factors linked the three separate caliphates—the Abbasids, the Umayyads of al-Andalus, and the Fatimids?

5. What rights did women have in early Muslim society?

Thinking Critically

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. Explain the importance of Mecca and Yathrib (Medina) in the life of Muhammad.**
- 2. Explain the relationship between these terms: Umayyads, caliph, Sunni, and Shi'a.**