



Muhammad

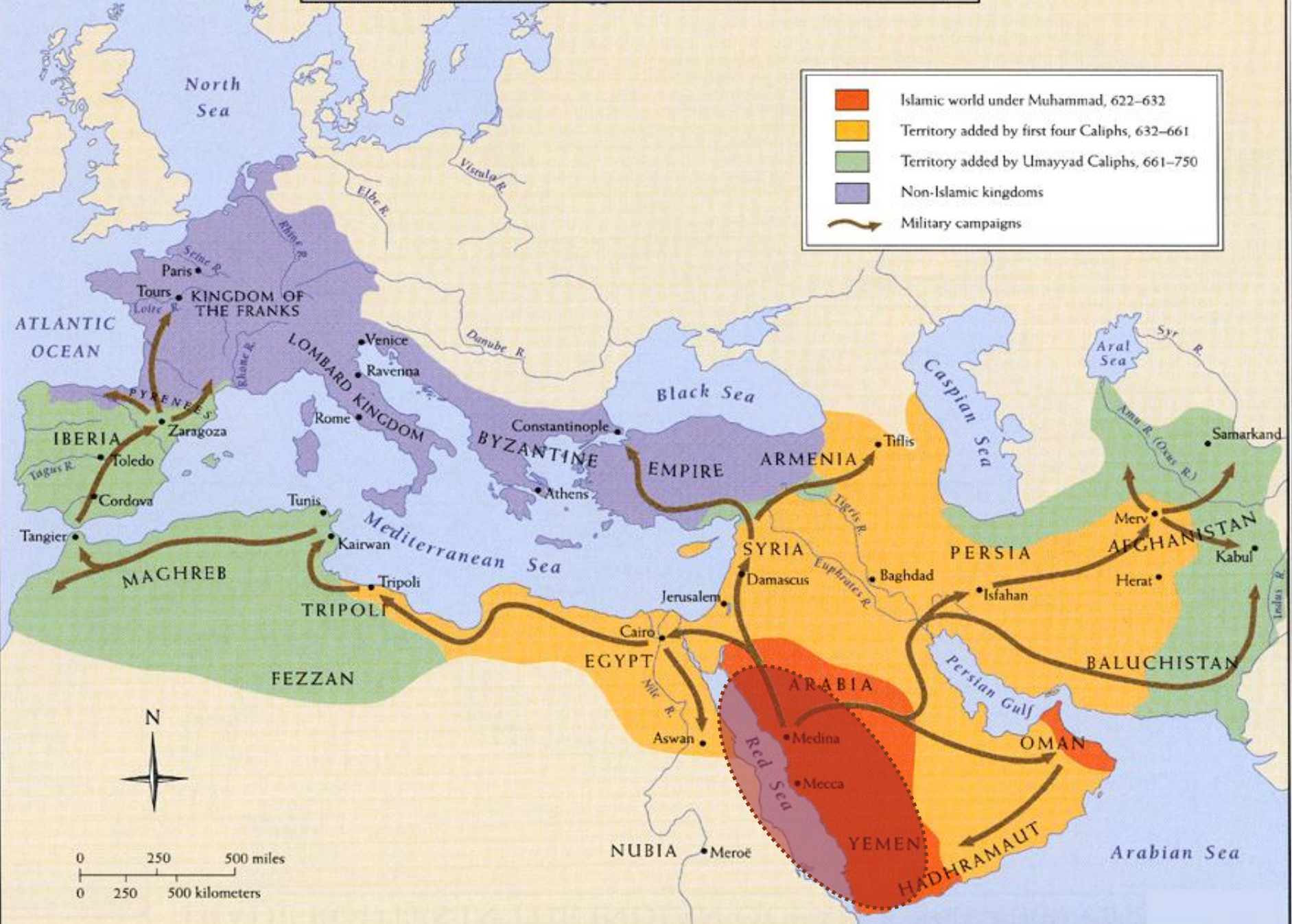
Path to becoming the Messenger of God

Lesson Objectives

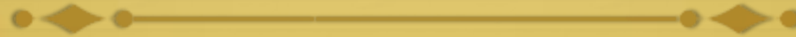


140. Explain how **Muhammad** became the **Prophet** of Islam.
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141. Describe the teachings of Islam. (12)
142. List and explain the **5 Pillars of Islam**. (10)
143. Define **Sharia Law**. (8)
144. Explain how Islam affected Muslim women. (10)

THE SPREAD OF ISLAM, 622 – 750 CE



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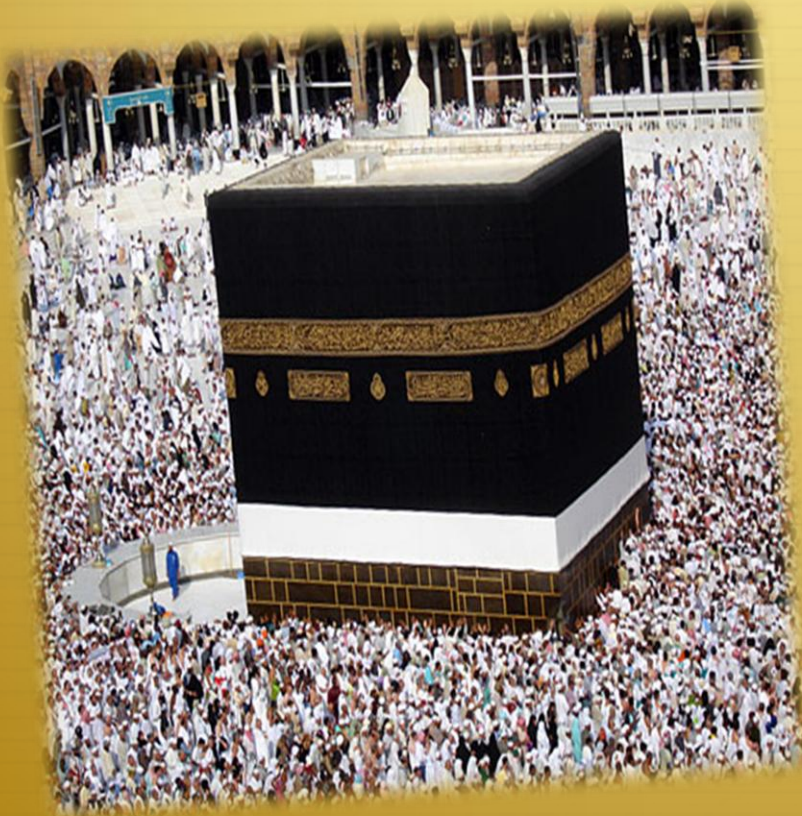


Early Life

- ✦ Born in Mecca, around A.D. 570.
- ✦ His parents died at a young age and he was sent to live with a Bedouin tribe in the desert.
- ✦ Worked as a shepherd with them.



The Kaaba



- ✦ A structure that housed the “Black Stone”.
- ✦ Many Arabs traveled to the Kabba in Mecca to worship.
- ✦ Polytheistic religion.

Muhammad as a Merchant

- ✦ Muhammad became a merchant.
- ✦ He led caravans across the desert.
- ✦ Why did Muhammad choose to become a merchant?



Muhammad marries Khadija



- ✦ At 25 Muhammad married a woman named Khadija.
- ✦ She was a wealthy widow who owned a prosperous caravan business.
- ✦ She encouraged Muhammad to accept the call from God.

Muhammad becomes God's Messenger

- ✦ He was troubled by the ills of society.
- ✦ The angel Gabriel visited him in a cave outside Mecca.
- ✦ Khadija became his first convert to Islam, which means to “submit to God”.



Muhammad struggles to spread his teachings

- ✦ Muhammad believed in **one** God. He rejected all of the other gods that the majority of the people in Arabia worshiped.
- ✦ He was forced to leave Mecca and traveled with his followers to Medina.



The Hijra



- ✦ This journey from Mecca to Medina became known as the **hijra**.
- ✦ In Medina Muslim converts greeted Muhammad and agreed to follow his teachings.

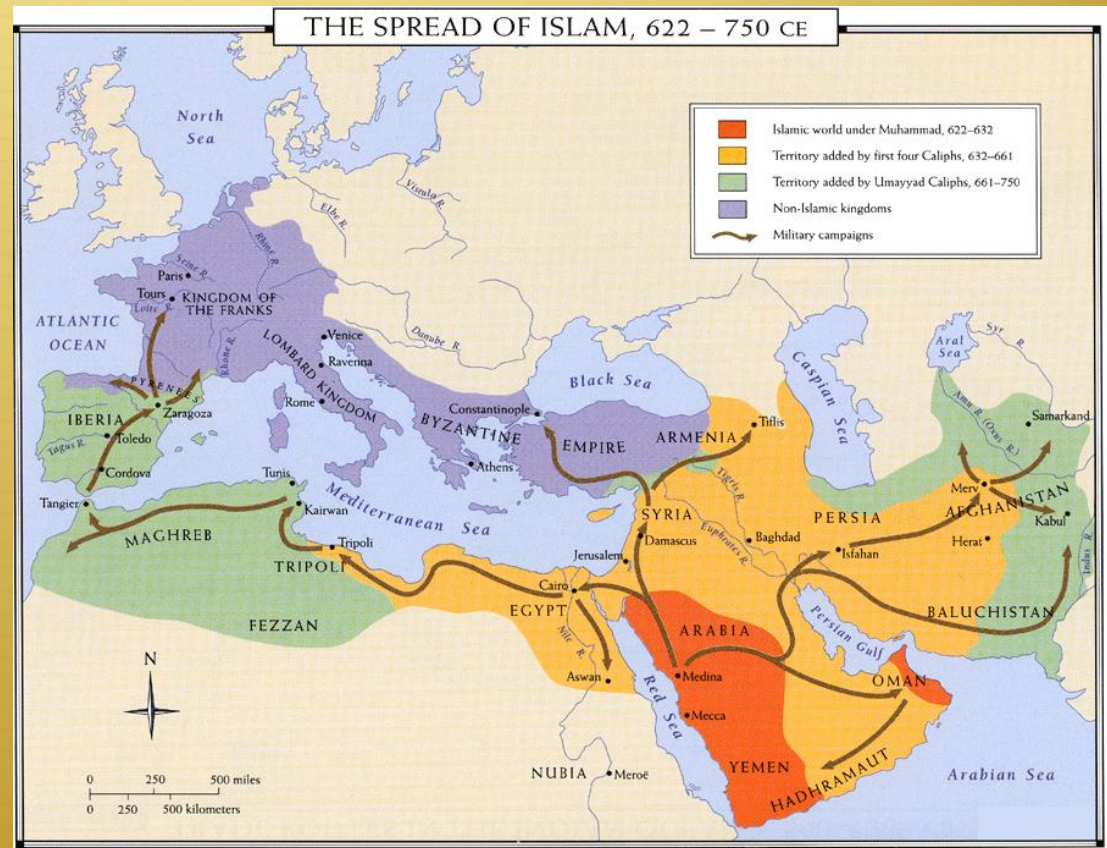
Muhammad battles the Meccans

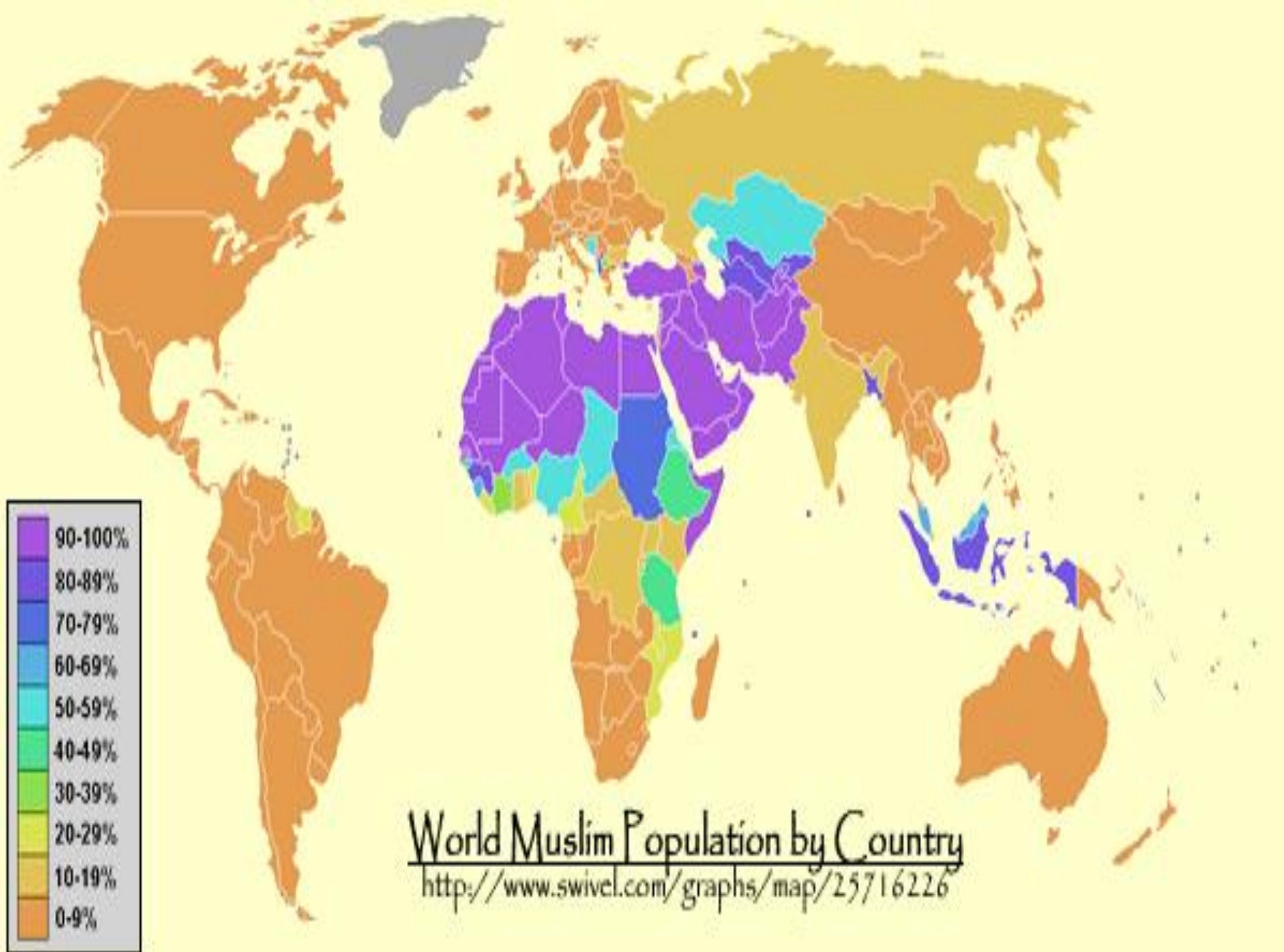
- ✦ Muhammad and his followers went to war with the Meccans.
- ✦ Muhammad returned to Mecca in 630 victorious.
- ✦ He destroyed the idols in the Kabba and rededicated the site to the one true God.



Muhammad dies but Islam lives on

- ✦ Muhammad died in 632.
- ✦ His faith continued and more than 1 billion people in the world are Muslims.





141. Describe the teachings of Islam.



The Quran

- ✦ Islam is a monotheistic religion.
- ✦ The **Quran**, the sacred text of Islam, teaches that God is all-powerful and compassionate.
- ✦ One duty of Islam is to study the Quran.
- ✦ Sets ethical standards.
- ✦ The Quran is only written in **Arabic** so all converts must learn Arabic to become Muslim.



Jihad



- ✦ **Jihad**- struggle in God's service.
- ✦ Focuses on overcoming immorality within themselves.
- ✦ Jihad can also be a holy war to defend Islam. However, Jihad must be declared by the community not the individual.

142. List and explain the 5 Pillars of Islam.

1. **Declaration of Faith**- “There is no god but God, Muhammad is the messenger of God.”
2. **Daily Prayer**- Muslims pray five times each day. Face Mecca and pray (5-10 mins).
3. **Alms for the poor**- giving charity to the poor. You are expected to give what you can afford.
4. **Fast During Ramadan**- Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset during the holy month of Ramadan.
5. **Hajj**- Muslims who are physically and financially able must make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once.





143. Define Sharia Law.



- ✦ **Sharia** is a body of law that includes interpretation of the Quran, examples of behavior from Muhammad's life, and Muslim traditions.
- ✦ Sharia law regulates moral conduct, family life, business practices, and government.
- ✦ It does not separate religion from criminal or civil law.

144. Explain how Islam affected Muslim women.

- ✦ Before Islam most Arab women had limited rights.
- ✦ **Quran-** *“Whoever does right whether male or female, and is a believer, all such will enter the Garden.”*
- ✦ The Quran:
 - ✦ Prohibited the killing of daughters
 - ✦ Granted women an inheritance
 - ✦ Allowed women to reject a marriage offer
 - ✦ Women became educated- had to study Quran.

