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**BASICS OF ISLAM**

**Section 1: “Origins of Islam”** – While reading Chapter 7 Section 1 on pages 170-173, complete the following graphic organizer about the origins of the Islamic faith.

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| **PLACES** | **PEOPLE** | **EVENTS** |
| * Islam began in Arabia. * Hot (up to 100 F), dry, and large desert area. * Limited amount of water. * Scattered oases (random fertile area). | * Nomads lived in tents and raised animals, belonged to tribes. * There were also merchants. * Towns became centers of trade. * Muhammad was born in Mecca around 570. * In 613, an angel appeared to Muhammad and told him to spread the word of God. | * Mecca’s rulers threatened Muhammad, so in 622 he and his followers moved to Medina (hegira). * His house became the first Mosque. * After years of fighting, the Meccans finally accepted Islam as their religion. * Muhammad dies in 632, and Islam spreads across Southwest Asia. |

**Section 2: “Islamic Beliefs and Practices”** - While reading Chapter 7 Section 2 on pages 174-177, complete the following graphic organizer about the basic beliefs of the Islamic faith.

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| **RELIGIOUS BELIEFS** | **DAILY LIFE** | **LAWS** |
| * One God * God spoke to Muhammad through an angel * Qur’an is the exact word of God. * Follow the Five Pillars of Islam * There’s a beginning and an end * If you’re “good” you’ll go to Islamic heaven (paradise). * Jihad – to make an effort or to struggle, defending the Muslim community * Don’t eat pork or drink alcohol * Wash before praying | * Praying five times a day * Treat guests with generosity * Bad to owe money * Obey leaders | * Qur’an and Sunnah are important guides * Scale of accepted behaviors to disapproved to forbidden * Most Muslim countries blend Islamic law with legal systems * Different ideas about Islamic law in different regions |