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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.
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**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
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