Unit 7: The Middle East & Expansion of Islam study guide

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1. Why did trade help spread Islam?\_\_\_Trade routes linking Africa, Asia, and Europe run through Arabia
2. The Sunnah is based on the words and actions of Muhammad.
3. How did Islam get started? Muhammad heard an angel’s voice and began teaching the people what he heard
4. Along with trade, what other factor helped spread Islam so quickly? Conquest of land by Muslim Empires
5. Which Islamic Empire was located in current day Iran and set to convert other Muslims to Shiism? Safavid
6. What current day country is Mecca and Medina located in? Saudi Arabia
7. The central belief of Islam is that There is only one God and Muhammad is his prophet.
8. In 1453, the Ottomans defended the Byzantine city of Constantinople, renamed it, and made the city their capital.
9. The Mughal empire was started by Babur in India.
10. Which Islamic achievement was most important for medical cures? Start of first pharmacy school
11. Which body of water was the Ottoman Empire using mainly to spread their empire? Mediterranean Sea
12. Why is the Battle of Tours important to history?

It determined what religion would be prominent in Europe- Christianity instead of Islam.

1. Which continent is Arabia (Arabian Peninsula) located in? Asia
2. What part (s) of a Muslim’s life does Sharia Law determine? All parts, religious, daily and government
3. The cities of the Arabian Peninsula (such as Mecca) were located at what strategic place? Where trade routes meet
4. What is monotheism? Belief in one God
5. What is the Qur’an? The holy book of Islam
6. What characteristics do Islam, Christianity, and Judaism have in common? The belief in one God
7. The founder of Islam was Muhammad.
8. A Muslim house of worship is called a Mosque.
9. These Muslims accepted elected caliphs and did not resist the Umayyads. Sunni
10. In Islam, the supreme central focus or authority is Caliph.
11. The word Islam means Surrender or submit to God.
12. What is Shari’ah? A form of Muslim Law
13. What are the 5 pillars of Islam?

* There is no God but God and Muhammad is his prophet
* Praying 5 times per day
* Giving to the poor and needy
* Fasting during the holy month of Ramadan
* Traveling to Mecca at least once on a Hajj

1. The Qur’an acknowledges which prophet(s) from Judaism and Christianity? Abraham, Adam and Jesus
2. What is the holy month of fasting for Muslims called? Ramadan
3. What does Jihad mean? struggle
4. Who were the founders of the Ottoman Empire?

Turks