

Empires in the Middle Ages End-of-Unit Content Assessment

The following question has two parts. Answer Part A first, and then answer Part B.

1. The Reader states that “Muhammad was born at a time of enormous change.”

Part A: Which of the following quotes supports this statement?

- a. “The Roman Empire became too big to govern, splitting into two.
- b. “The Roman Empire had dominated for centuries.”
- c. “Arabia benefited from Byzantine trade.”
- d. “For many centuries, the West had traded with the East.”

Answer _____

Part B: Which of the following quotes does not support this statement?

- a. “The Roman Empire became too big to govern, splitting into two.”
- b. “Over time, the Western Empire collapsed, and Medieval Europe emerged.”
- c. “While Western Europe became Christian, other powers and ideas arose in the rest of the former Roman Empire.
- d. “For many centuries, the West had traded with the East.”

Answer _____

For items 2–6 read each of the following statements from the Reader, and decide whether it describes life in the Arabian Desert or life in the city of Mecca.

2. “Life was harsh and dangerous in the arid Arabian climate, and without a regular supply of water, families could not survive and settle in one place.”

Arabian Desert

Mecca

Answer _____

3. “Finding enough water...to survive was a constant struggle, and there were barely enough crops and cattle to feed everyone.”

Arabian Desert

Mecca

Answer _____