

## Chapter 6: The First Global Civilization: The Rise and Spread of Islam

### Short Answer Questions

Answer the following short answer questions based on the reading in the space provided.

1. Who were the Bedouins? While explaining the culture, how did the region, clan society, and trade impact Muhammad?
2. What rights did women have in the Bedouin society? How were these rights reflected in the marriages and how did they differ from other societies in the area?
3. Describe the life of Muhammad and the steps Islam took when it was originally founded.
4. Why was Islam accepted in the Arab world so quickly? What did it add to the culture and politics?
5. After the death of Muhammad, how did Islam expand to become such a vast empire? How far did the Islamic Empire spread? Who was largely in control of the expansion?
6. What were the reasons for the split in Islam? Compare and contrast the Sunnis and the Shi'a.

7. What mark did the Umayyads leave in history? How did their empire influence the world politically and culturally? What led to their decline and fall?

8. How did the Abbasid regime change the culture of the Middle East? What occurred economically during the Abbasid Era?

9. What did the Abbasids do to contribute to the intellectual activity of the Middle East and Mediterranean regions?

## **Chapter 7: Abbasid Decline & the Spread of Islamic Civilization to South & Southeast Asia**

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Answer the following short answer questions based on the reading in the space provided.

1. What is the legacy of the al-Mahdi's reign? How was his legacy seen in his son's reign (Harun al-Rashid)

2. How did the civil wars after the death of Harun al-Rashid impact the Abbasid Empire?

3. How did the position of women decline in the family and society? What were the roles of women? How were slaves treated in the empire?

4. How did the Caliphs lose power in the Middle East? Who changed the power vacuum? What happened to the Shi'a under the Turks rule?

5. How did the Crusades impact the Islamic and Christian world? How did it shape the culture of the two?

6. What were achievements in the arts, literature, and science?

7. Explain the spread of Islam to South Asia and India.

8. How did the Islamic invasion shape and change Hinduism?