

Questions about the Arabian Peninsula, Islam & Muslim History  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

1. What event led to the establishment of the Muslim calendar?
  - a. the year of Muhammad's birth
  - b. the year of Muhammad's death
  - c. the year of Muhammad's **hijrah** (journey)
  - d. the year of Muhammad's marriage
  
2. What animal is known as "the ship of the Desert" on the Arabian Peninsula?
  - a. camel
  - b. desert tortoise
  - c. scorpion
  - d. python
  
3. The Arabian Peninsula lies at the crossroads of what three continents?
  - a. Australia, Asia, and Africa
  - b. North America, South America, and Europe
  - c. South America, Africa, and Antarctica
  - d. Europe, Africa, and Asia
  
4. The holy book of Islam is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Caliph
  - b. Qur'an
  - c. Makkah
  - d. Jerusalem
  
5. Before becoming a prophet, Muhammad spent many years working as a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. merchant
  - b. veterinarian
  - c. soldier
  - d. carpenter
  
6. What event led Muhammad to become a prophet?
  - a. he was spoken to by the angel Gabriel
  - b. he saw a thief steal bread from an old woman
  - c. he was nearly killed in a battle with a rival tribe
  - d. none of the above
  
7. Which was a teaching of the Prophet Muhammad?
  - a. that people must worship one god
  - b. that all believers in God were equal
  - c. that the rich should share their wealth with the poor
  - d. all of the above
  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ was the title taken by a Muslim ruler who claimed religious authority (the right) to rule.
  - a. Byzantine
  - b. Caliph
  - c. Clan
  - d. Siege

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9. Khadijah was Muhammad's wife. What was true about Khadijah?
- a. Khadijah had faith that Muhammad had been chosen by God to be a prophet
  - b. Khadijah was the first person to convert to Islam
  - c. Khadijah proposed marriage to Muhammad
  - d. all of the above are true about Khadijah
10. What does the term **monotheism** mean?
- a. a belief in many gods
  - b. a belief in one god
  - c. no belief in god
  - d. none of the above