Before You Read: K-W-L

Before you read this chapter, think about what you know about Islam and what you want to learn about Islam and the Muslim peoples.

• Study the map and the timeline on these pages.
• What do they tell you about Islam and the lands and the peoples of the Arabian peninsula?

Big Ideas About Early Islam

Belief Systems People adopt new beliefs that give meaning to life.

The Arabian peninsula in Southwest Asia was an important trading region in the 500s. A religious leader named Muhammad was born there in the city of Mecca. He brought the message of the religion of Islam to the Arab peoples and created an empire that would spread throughout the region during his lifetime.

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INTERNET RESOURCES

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Muslim lands under Muhammad to 632
Muslim lands added under the Caliphs by 661

- 570 c. Muhammad is born. (Qur’an)
- 565 Byzantine emperor Justinian dies.
- 597 St. Augustine brings Christianity to Britain.
**Spread of Islam, A.D. 661**

**Interactive Map**

1. **610** Muhammad starts to spread Islam.
2. **625** Tang Dynasty begins 289-year rule in China.
3. **630** Muhammad returns to Mecca after making the Hijrah to Medina.
4. **632** Abu Bakr becomes caliph after Muhammad’s death. (Abu Bakr’s name in Arabic)
5. **646** The emperor becomes the sole ruler of Japan for the first time.
6. **661** Islam splits into factions.