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Muhammad was unhappy because he believed the wealthy town leaders should honor their _____, be fair in business, and help the _____. In about _____ he said an angel visited him and told him to preach _____.

Islam means “_____”. _____ is the Arabic word for God.

H When Muhammad returned to Makkah, he told people not to believe in _____ and only to worship _____. He said that all people were _____ and that the _____ should help the poor. He believed that on the Day of Judgment God would _____ those who were good and _____ evildoers.

I Wealthy people did not like what Muhammad was saying because they thought _____. They often _____ and tortured Muhammad and his followers. As a result, Muhammad and his followers went to Yathrib. This journey became known as the _____. Yathrib welcomed Muhammad and the city was renamed _____, the “city of the prophet.” Muhammad was accepted as God’s prophet (_____) and _____. He was a good leader and used Islamic laws to settle _____ and required Muslims to be loyal to the _____ over their tribe.

J To protect his new government, Muhammad built a(n) _____. His soldiers conquered _____ in 630 and made it a holy city. By the time Muhammad died in _____, Islam was spreading throughout the _____ peninsula.

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Directions: As you read, fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.

A Most of the _____ peninsula is covered by _____. One can find water at _____ which are fed by underground springs. Early Arabs were organized into tribes headed by a _____.

B Nomadic desert herders called _____ grazed their goats, _____ and sheep as they moved from oasis to oasis. They ate little _____ because their animals were too valuable to them.

C Villages were located near _____ or _____. They traded goods with Bedouins who traveled more safely in _____. Arab merchants organized trade between the _____ and _____. Eventually trade cities developed. One of the largest was called _____ and was located on the coast of the _____. It was not only an important trade center, but held a great deal of _____ significance.

D In the center of Makkah was located the _____, a square building surrounded by statues of gods and goddesses. Religious voyagers called _____ made their way to Makkah. Arabians were _____, meaning they worshipped many gods and goddesses.

E *Using Geography Skills:*

1. Which empire was located north and west of the Arabian Peninsula? _____
2. About how far is it from Makkah to Yathrib? _____
3. To travel from Constantinople to Jerusalem, you would travel in which direction? _____
4. Where is the source of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers? _____

F _____ was born in 570 in the city of _____. His parents died when he was young, so he was raised by his _____. As a teenager, he worked as a _____ leader and then became a _____.