

Spring Semester Final Exam Study Guide

Terms & People:

1. Sunni Islam (Leaders elected; focus on keeping traditions of Islam; majority of Muslims; centered in Saudi Arabia)
2. Shia Islam (Leadership passed down in an unbroken line stretching all the way back to Muhammad; centered in Iran)
3. Five Pillars
 - Shahadah: Acceptance of Allah
 - Salat: Prayer
 - Zakat: Alms for the poor
 - Sawm of Ramadan: Fasting
 - Hajj: Pilgrimage to Mecca
4. Mecca
5. Kaaba
6. Muhammad
7. Core Beliefs of Islam:
 - God is one
 - The end of the world is near
 - True believers must live out their faith (not just lipservice)
8. Medina
9. Spread of Islam by war
10. Converts to Islam: "*There is no god but God, and Muhammad is his Prophet.*"
11. "Peoples of the Book"
 - God's Covenant with Abraham (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all claim to be heirs of that blessing)
12. Four geographic regions of the Muslim world
13. Conflict with Christians:
 - Crusades (Battles over the Holy Land and Jerusalem)
 - Islamic invasion of Spain and France
 - The Battle of Tours, 732 AD
 - Fall of Byzantium (Constantinople) - 1453, and the Islamic invasion of Eastern Europe
 - Vlad the Impaler
14. Conflict with Jews:
 - Jerusalem: Importance to Jews, to Christians, and to Muslims?
 - Temple Mount and Dome on the Rock
15. US involvement in the Middle East for oil
 - Arming and training of Afghan tribes during the Soviet/Afghan war (1980s)
 - Arming and training of Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces during the Iran/Iraq war (1980s)
 - General involvement in political developments of the Middle East during the 1990s to maximize oil access
16. Desert Storm (First Iraq War) - Iraq invades, annexes oil-rich Kuwait

17. 9/11

18. Iraq War (2003-2011)

- What happened to the Iraqi people?
 - Majority **Shiites** of Southern Iraq
 - Minority **Sunnis** of Central Iraq (Ruling Party of Saddam Hussein)
 - Became Al Qaeda in Iraq when they lost power
 - "defeated" but then became ISIS after U.S. left Iraq
 - **Kurds** of Northern Iraq (Ethnic minority without their own country)
 - Armed by U.S. to fight ISIS, but opposed by Turkey, who sees them as terrorists.

19. Know the best way to pay off multiple debts.