

1  **World History I**

HIST 1210

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2  **Islam: Terminology**

- Three-consonant stem of Arabic words
  - SLM: words having to do with submission
  - Islam=submission (to Allah)
  - Muslim=person who submits
- Arab: ethnic designation
- Arabic: language.

3  **Islam**

- Lifetime of Muhammad
  - Community of caravan traders
  - Beginning of visions (610 CE)
  - Flight from Mecca to Medina (622 CE): hegira
  - Military and political leader
  - Death (632 CE)
- Successors: caliphs.
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4  **Islam**

- Five Pillars of Islam
  - Profession of Faith: There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet.
  - Prayer (5 times a day)
  - Charity (zakkat)
  - Fasting
  - Pilgrimage (hajj).

5  **Islam**


- Scriptures
  - Quran (Koran)
  - Hadith (sayings and stories of the prophet).

6  **Islam**

- 1 • Islamic Law (Sharia)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> centuries
  - Traditions about Muhammad
  - Interpretation by judges, scholars
- Jihad.

7  **Islam**

- Government
  - Caliph
  - Bureaucracy
  - Judges
  - Dhimmi (People of the Book)
  - Break-up into several caliphates
  - Mulawi (non-Arab Muslims) accepted after 750.

8  **Reading the Hadith**

- Ascription of text:
  - 'A'isha said that Rasulullah (*saw*) said (#1)
  - It has been narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah (*ra*) that he heard Rasulullah (*saw*) as saying (#43)

9  **Reading the Hadith**

- Context for saying:
  - It is reported that Abdllah bin Mas'ud ra had thin, weak legs. Once, upon seeing his leg uncovered, some people laughed, whereupon Rasulullah (*saw*) said (#49)
  - But often little/no context

10  **Reading the Hadith**

- What was said?
  - whereupon Rasulullah saw said : "Are you laughing at the frailty of his legs ? By Him in Whose hand is my soul, in the scale of Allah they are weightier than Mount Uhud." (#49)

11  **Discussion (10 minutes)**

- What can hadith tell historians and history students about Muslim values?
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- What can hadith tell historians and history students about the earliest days of Islam (in the time of Muhammad)?
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12  **Writing (5 minutes)**

- Pick a hadith that gives a lot of insight into the past and explain what you think that it tells you.
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- Arabia (620s and 630s)
- Syria (640s)
- Persia (640s and 650s)
- Egypt (640s and 650s)
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14  **Muslim Culture**

- Medicine (Greek influence)
- Philosophy (Greek influence)
- Literature
  - 1001 Nights (Persian influence)
  - Quran (Arab influence on language, style)

15  **Muslim Expansion**

- 1  • Spread by trade
  - South Asia (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh)
  - Southeast Asia
  - Swahili Coast
  - Ghana and Gao (Africa)
  - Central Eurasia.

16  **Muslim Culture**

- Artwork (Persian influence)
- Status of women: complete covering of body, seclusion in harems (Persian influence)

17  **Muslim Culture**

- Mathematics: Arabic numbers, zero, fractions (Indian influence)
- Cosmopolitan urban culture
- Trade across political barriers.

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- 19  **Trade within the Islamic World:  
Crops introduced through trade**
- 20  **<http://www.theglobaleducationproject.org/mideast/info/maps/religions-map.gif>**
- 21  **[http://www.wadsworth.com/religion\\_d/special\\_features/popups/maps/matthews\\_world/content/map\\_01.html](http://www.wadsworth.com/religion_d/special_features/popups/maps/matthews_world/content/map_01.html)**