

RISE AND SPREAD OF ISLAM

HISTORY

CHAPTER 3

CLASS VII

SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER:-

Pre-Islamic Arabia was divided into tribes that were at war with each other. People worshiped many gods and goddesses.

Mecca was an important city as it was a major junction of trade routes and an important religious center. Kaaba, a pilgrimage shrine served as a central place of worship for many different Arab tribes and is located in Mecca.

Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca in 570 CE. He grew up to be a trader. At the age of 40, he had a vision, wherein God had chosen him to be the messenger of the divine message.

In 622 CE, Prophet Muhammad left Mecca and went to Medina. This is known as Hijrat. The people of Medina welcomed Muhammad and accepted him as their Prophet. After a few years, Muhammad defeated the army of Mecca and made Kaaba the main shrine of Islam. Gradually Islam spread to the whole of Arabia and to Europe as well.

His five main principles were Shahada, Salat, Sawm, Zakat and Haj. He believed that all men were equal and that there is only one God.

Abu Bakr, Umar, Usman and Ali were Caliph who succeeded Muhammad and ruled from 632 CE to 661 CE. Thereafter the Umayyids ruled from 661 CE to 750 CE. In 750 CE, the Umayyids were overthrown by the Abbasids. Harun al Rashid was a famous ruler of this dynasty. This was a period of cultural growth. The Abbasids ruled for more than 500 years, and were overthrown by the Mongols, who captured Baghdad and ended the Abbasid rule. This led to the Ottoman empire.

The Arabs made a number of achievements and contributions in the field of mathematics, astronomy, chemistry, literature, art and architecture.

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WORKSHEET:-

A. Fill in the blanks :-

1. Muhammad said that there is only one God _____
2. _____ mark's the beginning of the Muslim calendar.
3. Muslims regarded _____ as the prophet of God.
4. In 1258, the _____ captured Baghdad.
5. The _____ lies between Africa and central Asia.

B. Match the following :-

- | A | B |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. 622CE | a. Birth of prophet Muhammad |
| 2. 1453 | b. The rule of the four Caliphs. |
| 3. 632 - 661CE | c. The rule of the Abbasids. |
| 4. 750 - 1258 | d. The turks captured Constantinople. |
| 5. 570 CE | e. Prophet Muhammad left Mecca for Medina. |

C. Give the meanings of the following words :-

1. Hajj
2. Prophet
3. Calligraphy
4. Zakat
5. Salat

D. Answer the following questions:-

1. How did Muhammad become a prophet?
2. What were the teachings of Prophet Muhammad?
3. Name any three achievements of the Arab civilization.
4. When did Muhammad leave Mecca and what is its significance?
5. What were the conquered territories of the Umayyids dynasty?

E. With reference to your History text book, please do the following exercises:-

1. Exercise A - Question No 1 to 7
2. Exercise B - Question No 1 to 7
3. Exercise C - Question No 1 and 2.