




Muhammad: Islam's Prophet



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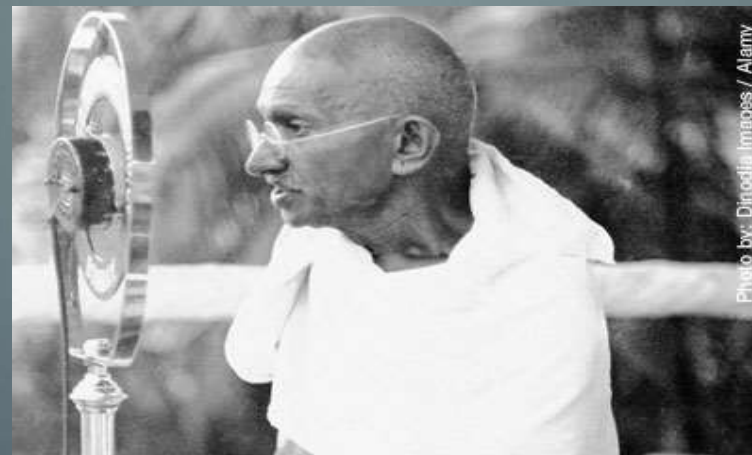
► **Main idea** (Objective) :



► The prophet Muhammad brought the message of Islam to the people of Arabia.

Muhammad: Islam's Prophet

► **Lecture Focus** (Essential Question) :



► Have you ever heard someone speak and been moved to tears? Lets look into a prophet who moved the Arab people with his words.

Muhammad's Message

- ▶ In 570 C.E. a man named **Muhammad** was born in the city of Mecca or Makkah.



- ▶ **Mecca** - is the most populous region in Saudi Arabia. Its capital is Mecca is the holiest city in Islam.

Muhammad's Message

- ▶ An orphan, he was raised first by his grandfather and then by an uncle.




- ▶ As a teenager, Muhammad worked as a Caravan leader and eventually became a successful merchant...he also married and had children.

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- ▶ Despite his success, Muhammad was dissatisfied with the way life was in the Middle East.



- ▶ He felt that the wealthy town leaders should return to the old ways, or traditions of his ancestors.



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- ▶ Muhammad really thought that his people should honor their family members, be fair in business and help the poverty stricken in their land.

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- ▶ Muhammad felt that he needed time to reflect on life and decided to retreat into the surrounding hills to **meditate**.



- ▶ **Meditate** – to think deeply or focus one's mind for a period of time, in silence or with the aid of chanting, for religious or spiritual purposes or as a method of relaxation.

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- ▶ In about 610 C.E. Muhammad stated that he was visited by an angel and was told the story of Islam and that he need to preach about the religion.

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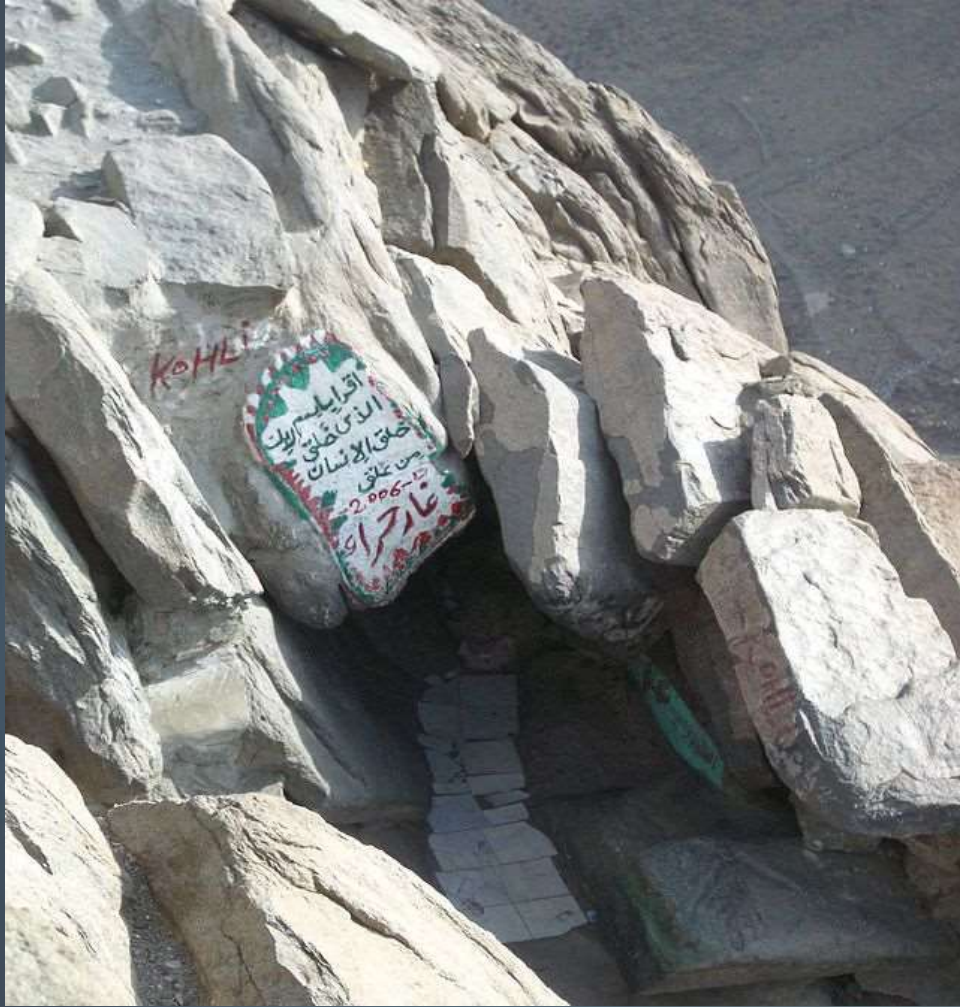


- ▶ According to Islam this event is called **Muhammad's First Revelation** was the event in which he was visited by the Arch-Angel Gabriel who revealed to him a verse from the Quran.



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- ▶ The event took place in a cave called **Hira**, located on the mountain called **Jabal an-Nour**, near Mecca and is really looked at as the beginning of the **Islam**.

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- ▶ The word Islam means “**Surrendering to the will of Allah**”.




- ▶ **Allah** is the Arabic word for “God”.

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- ▶ Inspired, Muhammad returned to Mecca.
- ▶ Everywhere he went , he told people to destroy statues of false gods and to worship only Allah, the one true God.



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- ▶ Muhammad also preached that all people were equal and that the rich people should share their goods and wealth.



- ▶ In Mecca, where most people lived humbly, this vision of a just society was very powerful.

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- ▶ Muhammad was saying that wealth was not as important as leading a proper good life.



- ▶ Muhammad stated that when the **Day of Judgment** arrived God would reward the good people of Earth and punish the evildoers.

Muhammad's Message

- ▶ Lets look at our **Lecture Focus** (Essential Question) again...



- ▶ Have you ever heard someone speak and been moved to tears? What important messages was Muhammad talking about?

Muhammad's Message



▶ **Question:**

- ▶ **1)** What was the name of the man who worked hard to teach people Islam in Mecca?
- ▶ **2)** Why did Muhammad go into the hills behind Mecca?
- ▶ **3)** What was the name of the Arch-Angel that Muhammad met while in the hills?
- ▶ **4)** What was the name of the religion that Muhammad had to preach?
- ▶ **5)** In Islam the name used for God is...

Muhammad's Message

▶ **Question:**

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▶

▶ **Muhammad**

▶ **2)** Why did Muhammad go into the hills behind Mecca?

▶ **To reflect and meditate**

▶ **3)** What was the name of the Arch-Angel that Muhammad met while in the hills?

▶ **Gabriel**

▶ **4)** What was the name of the religion that Muhammad had to preach?

▶ **Islam**

▶ **5)** In Islam the name used for God is...

▶ **Allah**

Opposition to Islam

- ▶ Slowly Muhammad convinced people that his message was true.




- ▶ At first, only his family became **Muslims**, or followers of the Islamic religion.

Opposition to Islam



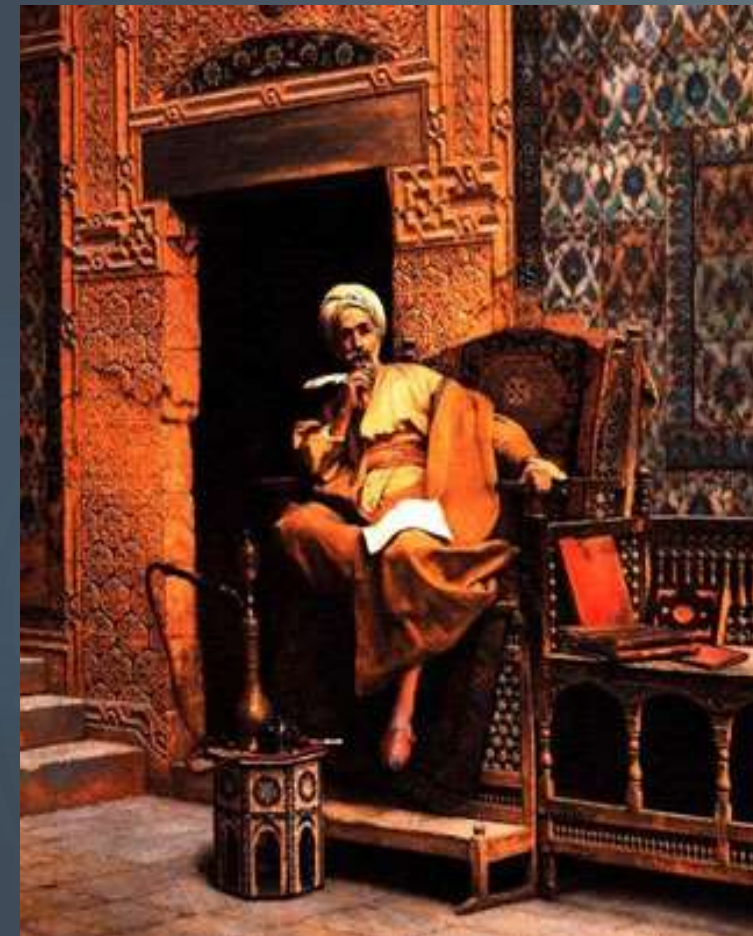
- ▶ Soon, however, many of the poor, poverty stricken people were attracted to his message that goods should be shared among everyone.



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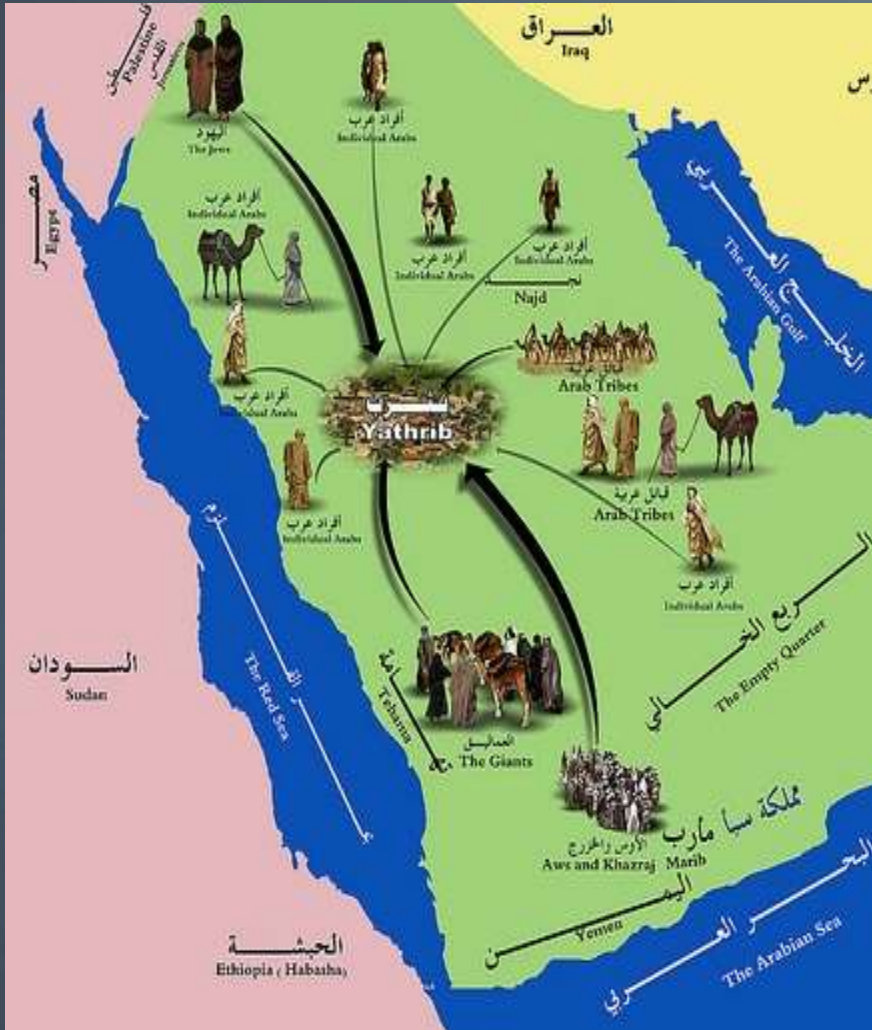
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- ▶ Wealthy merchants and religious leaders did not like Muhammad's message.



- ▶ They thought he was trying to take away their power and vowed to make his life difficult by beating and torturing the followers of Islam.

Opposition to Islam



► In 622 C.E. Muhammad and his followers left Mecca and moved north to a town called **Yathrib**.

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- ▶ The journey of Muhammad and his followers to **Yathrib** became known as the **Hijrah**.



- ▶ The word comes from the Arabic language and means “**breaking off relationships**”.



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- ▶ Later Muslims made the year 622 C.E. the first year of a new **Muslim Calendar**.



- ▶ **Yathrib** welcomed Muhammad and his followers...eventually the city was renamed **Madinah**, which means "**the city of the prophet**".

Opposition to Islam

▶ **Questions:**

- ▶ **1)** What were the followers of Islam called?
- ▶ **2)** When Muhammad and his followers left Mecca, where did they go?
- ▶ **3)** What was this city renamed to?
- ▶ **4)** What was the meaning of the city's new name?

Opposition to Islam

- ▶ **Questions:**

- ▶ **1)** What were the followers of Islam called?

 - ▶ **Muslims**

- ▶ **2)** When Muhammad and his followers left Mecca, where did they go?

 - ▶ **The city of Yathrib**

- ▶ **3)** What was this city renamed to?

 - ▶ **Madinah**

- ▶ **4)** What was the meaning of the cities new name?

 - ▶ **“The city of the Prophet”**

Muhammad's Government

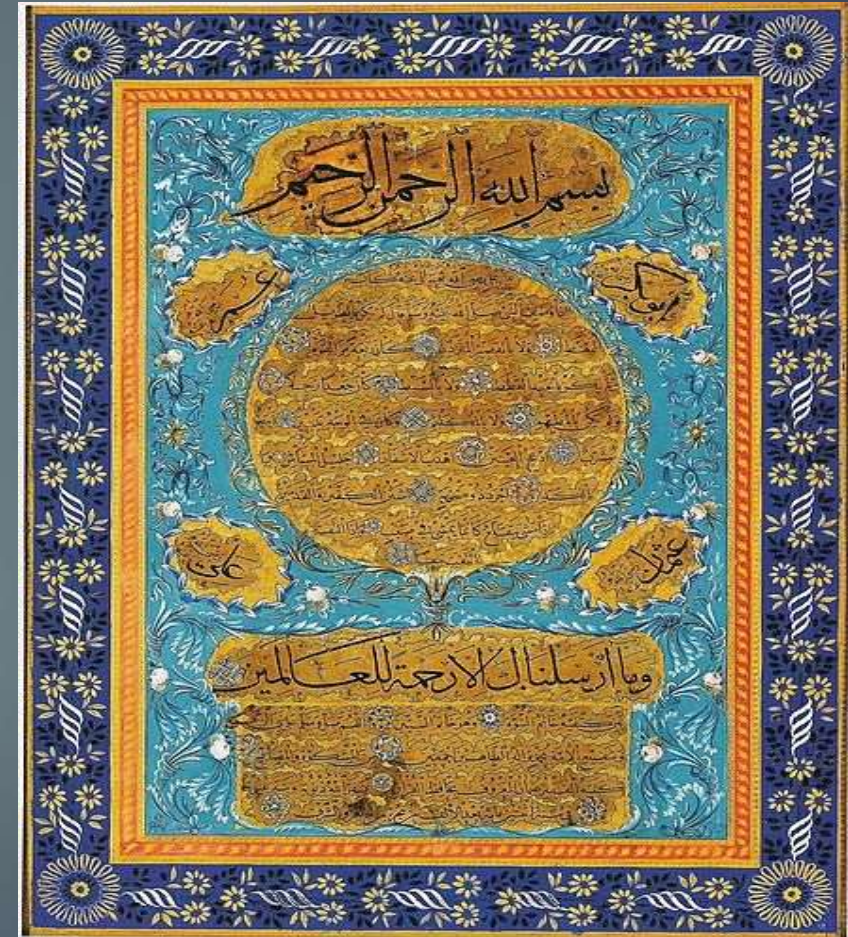
- ▶ The people of Madinah accepted **Muhammad** as **God's Prophet** and their religious leader, or ruler.



- ▶ Muhammad proved to be an able leader...applying the laws he believed God had given to all areas of life. (This symbol is the **Calligraphy way of writing Muhammad**)

Muhammad's Government

- ▶ He used these laws to settle disputes among people.



- ▶ Essentially Muhammad created an Islamic state ... a government that used its political power to uphold Islam.

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- ▶ Muhammad required all Muslims to place loyalty to the Islamic state above loyalty to their own tribe.

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- ▶ To defend his new government, Muhammad built an army and in 630 C.E. his soldiers conquered Mecca.




- ▶ After the defeat Muhammad made Mecca the **Holy City** of Islam.

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- ▶ Two years later, Muhammad died in Medina on June 8th 632 C.E. from a high-fever.



- ▶ By the time of his death, Islam had begun spreading all over Arabia. (The Green Dome is a green-colored dome built above the tomb of the Islamic prophet Muhammad ... it is located in Medina, Saudi Arabia).



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▶ Questions:

▶ 1) What did Muhammad require of all Muslims?

▶ To place loyalty to the Islamic State over loyalty to their tribe.

▶ 2) What did Muhammad create to protect his new government?

▶ He built an Army

▶ 3) What city did Muhammad conquer?

▶ Mecca (Mekka)

Muhammad's Government

▶ Reading Check:

- ▶ Explain the following questions in a one to two sentence open response.
- ▶ **Why did Muhammad's message appeal to the poor people of Arabia?**

History Mystery Time!!



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- ▶ Islam forbids **Idolatry**, which is the worship of **idols**.



- ▶ An **idol** is an image or other material object representing a deity to which religious worship is addressed.

History Mystery Time!!

- ▶ Due to this rule of **Idolatry** Islam does not allow pictures of anyone in a mosque...including Muhammad and Allah.




- ▶ This ban on images of people led to the development of the detailed and beautiful calligraphy, which is the principle decoration of mosques and other Islamic religious items.

History Mystery Time!!

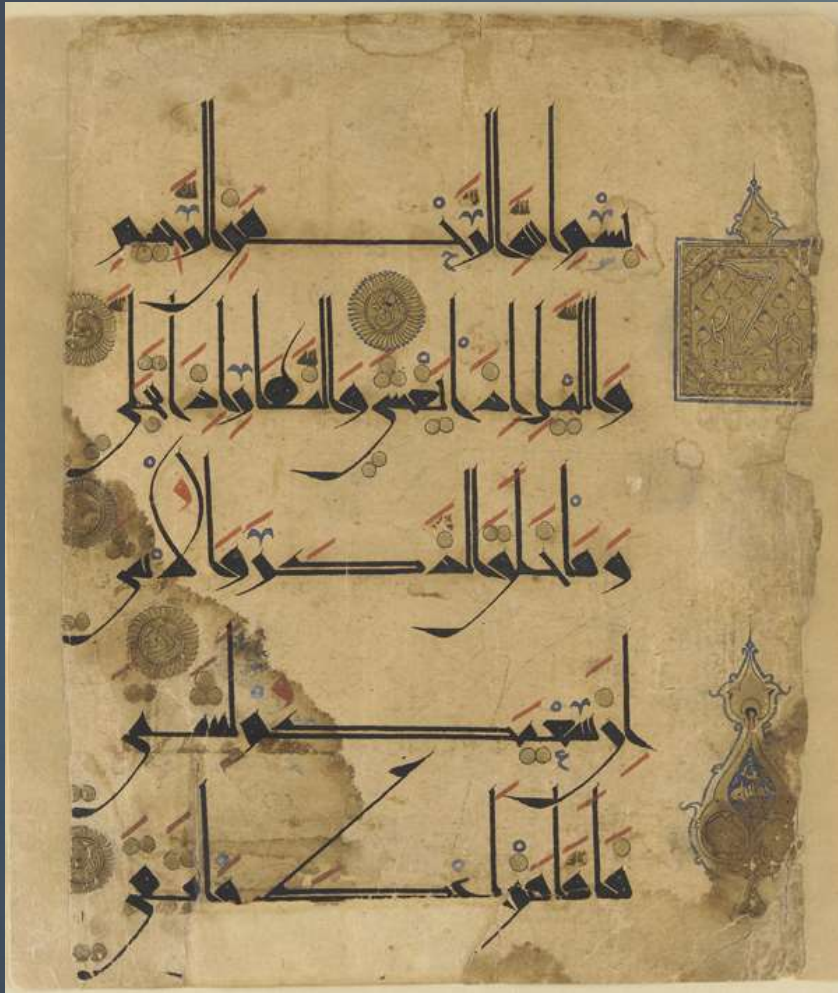


► **Calligraphy** - is a visual art related to writing.



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- ▶ **The Second Commandment** of the Islam religion completely forbids the use of pictures, not just of Allah, but also for all living things.

History Mystery Time!!

- ▶ **The Second Commandment** explicitly states :



- ▶ "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.."