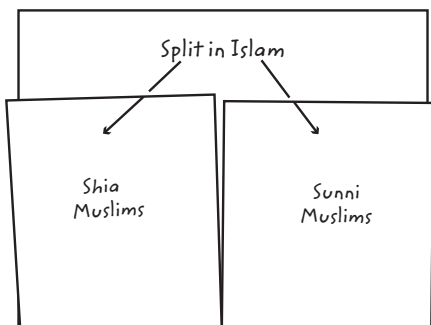


The World of Islam, 600-1500

TOPIC SUMMARY

The religion of Islam was born on the Arabian Peninsula and spread around the world because of the peninsula's location along the caravan trade routes. After Muhammad's death, a prosperous Arab empire was organized, grew, and eventually declined. The Quran, Islam's holy book, guided spiritual, political, economic, and social life. Muslim scholars and artists made significant contributions to the sciences and arts.

Comparing



↑ Concept-Map Book

A political disagreement led to a split in Islam. Have students read the related text material and conduct additional research to examine the reasons for the split and the political and religious differences between the two groups. Have students organize this information in a Concept-Map Book with information about each group recorded under the appropriate tab. Have students research the geographic distribution of Shia and Sunni Muslims in the world today and add this information to the Foldable.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper and scissors

Analyzing

Philosophy		
Mathematics		
Science		
Medicine		
Art		
Architecture		

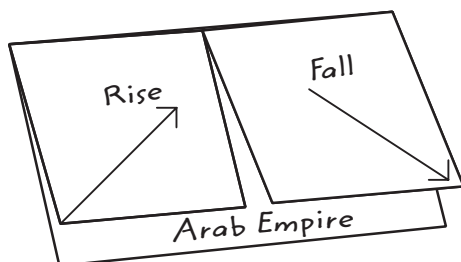
↑ Folded Chart

Have students make and use this Folded Chart to write about the advancements made by Muslims in philosophy, mathematics, science, medicine, art, and architecture. Students should include names, places, and dates on the chart.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" x 17" paper

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Describing



↺ Two-Tab Book

Have students create a Two-Tab Book with one section labeled *Rise* and the other labeled *Fall*. Have students examine the events, people, and places related to the rise and fall of the Arab Empire. Have students review the facts they have written under each tab and then write a summary on the front of each tab that briefly explains the rise and fall of the empire.

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