STUDY GUIDE

THE FIRST MUSLIMS
LESSON 1

Islam

Shari’ah is a code written by Muslim scholars that provides believers with a set of laws to regulate their lives by.
The hajj is a pilgrimage to Makkah, the sacred city of Islam.

Founded by Muhammad, its followers are called Muslims.

The Quran is the holy book of Islam.

Followers of Islam are monotheistic - they believe in one supreme God called Allah.

Followers must practice the Five Pillars of Islam: belief, prayer, charity, fasting, and pilgrimage.

A SPLIT IN ISLAM
LESSON 2

Islam split into two branches after a revolt led by Hussein against Umayyad rule

A Muslim group that accepts only the descendants of Muhammad’s son-in-law Ali as the true rulers of Islam

Shia

A Muslim group that accepts only the descendants of the Umayyads as the true rulers of Islam

Sunni

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION
LESSON 3

Wrote history books, the most famous of which was Muqaddimah

Created art using arabesques, decorations repeated over and over in geometric patterns

Perfected the astrolabe, used by sailors to determine their locations

Discovered that certain diseases are contagious

Recovered and translated the works of Greek philosophers

Built the Great Mosque of Sa-arra’; the largest in the world at that time

Adopted and passed on the numerical system of India and use of the zero, developed algebra

History

Math

Science

Medicine

Art

Architecture