

MEDIEVAL WORLD HISTORY: QUARTER 1

Question: The Qur'an provides guidelines for Islamic beliefs, practices, and laws. How do they influence Muslims' daily lives? Use the following words in your response:

- Sunnah
- Shariah
- Muhammad
- Qur'an

Background: The Qur'an is the central religious text of Islam. Islam holds that the Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad by the angel Gabriel from 610 AD to his death in 632 AD. Muhammad's companions wrote down the Qur'an while he was alive, although the prime method of transmission was oral. In 633 AD, the written text was compiled, and in 653 AD it was standardized and distributed in the Islamic empire.

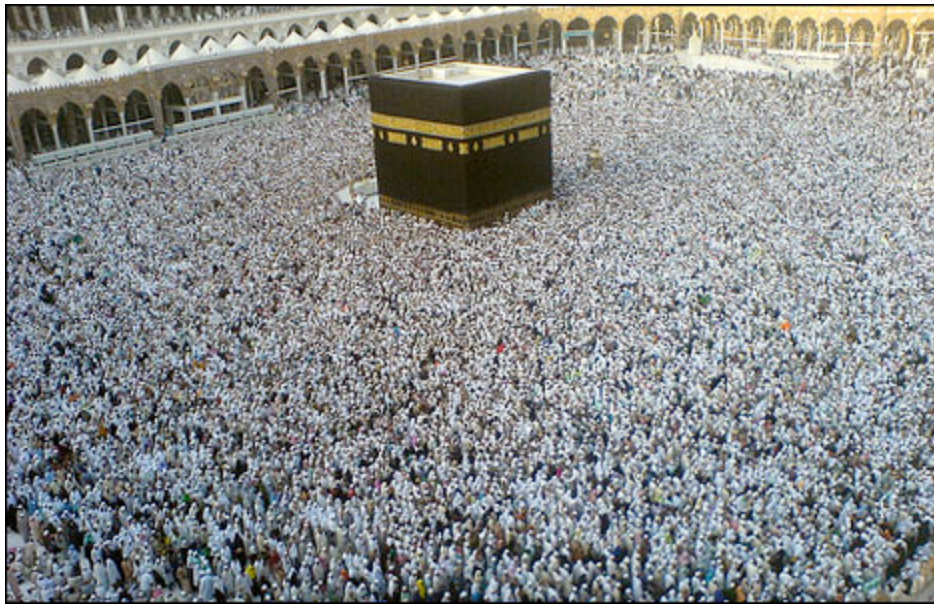
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“The Ascension of the Prophet Muhammad”

A 16th century Persian manuscript of the Islamic school. Manuscript shows Muhammad ascending into heaven surrounded by angels; out of respect, his face is veiled.

Document 2



"This is the Kaaba. On many times during the trip we went round it 7 times. It's symbolic of belief in One God and coming together in His house - the mosque in Mecca. Abraham and his son Ismail built it and it's always had people walking round it."

Hajj Pilgrimage 2005

Document 3



Muslim children in Pakistan who received school supplies from the Zakat Foundation of America, an Islamic charity.