

# **Main Idea 1:**

## **Arabia is mostly a desert land, where two ways of life, nomadic and sedentary, developed.**

### **Physical Features and Climate**

- Arabia is located in the southwest corner of Asia.
- It's in a region with hot and dry air, where summer temperatures reach 100°F daily.
- This climate has created a band of deserts where sand dunes, or hills of sand shaped by the wind, can rise to 800 feet high and stretch across hundreds of miles.
- Water exists mainly in scattered oases. An oasis is a wet, fertile area in a desert.



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# Two Ways of Life

## Nomads

- Lived in tents
- Raised herds of sheep, goats, and camels
- Traveled across the desert in search of food and water for their animals
- Water and land belonged to tribes



## Townspeople

- Lived in oases where they could farm
- Towns became centers of trade.
- Nomads traded animal products and herbs.
- Merchants sold spices, gold, leather, and other goods brought by caravans.



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## Main Idea 2:

# A new religion called Islam, founded by the prophet Muhammad, spread throughout Arabia in the 600s.

Muhammad was born around 570 in **Mecca**.



Muhammad was in the caravan trade business.



Muhammad marries Khadijah at the age of 25.



At the age of 40 while meditating, an angel spoke to Muhammad making him a prophet.



In 613 Muhammad began to talk about his messages from God.



Muhammad taught that there was only one God and his teachings focused on how people should live.



## **Main Idea 2:**

# **A new religion called Islam, founded by the prophet Muhammad, spread throughout Arabia in the 600s.**

In the beginning Muhammad only had a few followers.



In 622 Muhammad & his followers moved to Medina.



In Medina, Muhammad became a spiritual & political leader.



Muhammad's house becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> mosque.



After many years of conflict, in 630 the people of Mecca accept Islam.



In 632 Muhammad dies but Islam will continue to spread beyond the Arabian Peninsula.



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