*AP World History*

*Chapter 6 Reading Guide*

1. What products did Muslim migrants to Iberia bring to Spain?
2. Who were “people of the book,” and how were they treated by Muslim leaders?
3. Was Islam generally forced onto people *or* spread peacefully and voluntarily?
4. What is meant by *Bedouin*?
5. Describe the social organization of the Bedouin herders.
6. How did geography influence the Bedouin social structure? What did clan councils regulate? Was wealth shared equally?
7. Why was war common in this region?
8. For what reasons was Mecca important before Muhammad’s life? Which clan founded it?
9. How did the Ka’ba facilitate peaceful relations among the clans?
10. How were women treated and viewed in pre-Islamic Arabia? Include a specific example.
11. Why was there little material culture (art or architecture) in pre-Islamic Arabia? What intellectual activity did they develop in that time?
12. What type of religion preceded Islam in the Arabian peninsula? From where did Bedouins transmit ethical codes?

*The Life of Muhammad and the Genesis of Islam*

1. What religions from neighboring regions influenced Muhammad? What occupation did Muhammad have that exposed him to these religions? What social issues related to Bedouin clans concerned him?
2. What is the name of the Muslim holy book?
3. Why did the Umayyads feel threatened by Muhammad? What is a hijra, and where did Muhammad go?
4. What was the ultimate result of Muhammad’s clash with the Umayyads?
5. Why did Islam appeal to Arabs?
6. What is the umma? What was its political significance?
7. What is zakat?
8. Why did Islam appeal to non-Arabs?
9. What did Muhammad teach about Islam in relation to Judaism and Christianity?
10. What is meant by the five pillars?

*The Arab Empire of the Umayyads*

1. What is a caliph? Who was chosen to succeed Muhammad, a blood relative or a proven leader?
2. What three motives drove Arab warriors to conquer neighboring regions?
3. What Persian empire did the Arab warriors defeat? How did the Byzantine Empire ultimately fare against Arab assaults?
4. What issue caused a split into two branches of Islam? Who did the Sunnis support, and who did the Shi’as support? Why have divisions continued to grow?
5. How did Muslim overlords treat “people of the book?”
6. What stipulation did the Qur’an place on multiple marriages? What general view did the Qur’an and Muhammad take towards women legally, spiritually and socially?
7. Why did the Muslim faithful revolt against the Umayyads?
8. According to the “Thinking Historically” box, what might urbanization of Arabs have to do with increasing subordination of women in the Islamic Empire? Which class of women in particular faced growing restrictions? What is a harem? How did women in the Islamic Empire fare overall compared to women in other postclassical civilizations?

*From Arab to Islamic Empire: The Early Abbasid Era*

1. What Islamic empire defeated the Umayyads? Where was their capital? What style of government did they adopt?
2. For what reasons did many people begin converting to Islam?
3. What is a *dhow* and how did it impact the wealth and status of merchants in the Abbasid Empire? What sorts of projects did their charity donations go towards?
4. What benefits did artisan guilds provide for its members?
5. Create a social hierarchy pyramid for the Islamic Empire.
6. What was the main intellectual task of the early Abbasid dynasty? What intellectual developments became the Islamic Empire’s legacy?