

Chapter 9

NOTES

Lesson 1

Early Arabic beliefs

polytheistic, Allah as supreme god, worshipped at a shrine called Kaaba

Islam

monotheistic, pilgrimage to Makkah

Reading Progress Check

to help one another locate resources and for protection; later, for trade

Critical Thinking

About 200 miles

Reading Progress Check

Muhammad was born in Makkah, and he began preaching there. He declared the Kaaba in Makkah sacred to Islam.

Reading Progress Check

Both are monotheistic. Muslims do not believe Muhammad is divine. Christians believe Jesus is divine.

Section 2	
Umayyads	expanded Arab power, favored Arabs, struggles split Islam
Abbasids	broke down differences between Arab and non-Arab Muslims, large trading empire
Seljuk Turks	nomadic converts to Islam, soldiers for Abbasid caliphate
Reading Progress Check	He was successful in suppressing political and religious uprisings. His military successes contributed to the spread of Islam.
Critical Thinking	The defeat of Arab forces ended Arab expansion in Western Europe.
Reading Progress Check	Mu'awiyah made the caliphate hereditary. The Umayyad dynasty was threatened by dissatisfaction from non-Arab Muslims and the split of Islam into 2 groups.
Critical Thinking	The empire under his rule was prosperous and expanded; he financed artists and writers.
Reading Progress Check	Wealth led to official corruption. Non-Arabs began to dominate the army and the bureaucracy. Provincial rulers established independent dynasties.

Lesson 3	
Upper class	ruling families, nomadic elites, and wealthiest merchants
Slaves	Non-Muslims, often served in the army, permitted to purchase freedom
Women	Quran granted them social and spiritual equity with men; had a male guardian
Reading Progress Check	The empire could import and export goods from all over Africa, Europe, and Asia. The size of the Arab Empire helped ensure access to major trade routes.
Reading Progress Check	Women had to answer to male guardians and could not take more than one husband, while men could have more than one wife.
Critical Thinking	The Great Mosque of Damascus may have been built by the Umayyads.
Reading Progress Check	The translations and commentaries of Aristotle; the discipline of algebra; identified and named many stars; and the work in medicine.
Reading Progress Check	The Arab Empire absorbed various ideas and traditions about art from conquered areas; Also trade ensured the mingling of ideas from different cultures.

