

Name _____

Muhammad

Muhammad was born in _____ in 570 CE. His name means 'the praised one' in _____.

Within Islam he is known as _____ and _____. Muhammad's father and mother died when he was young and he came under the care of his _____ Abu Talib, the new leader of the most powerful _____ in Mecca.

Muhammad became a _____ and married at the age of 25. As he grew older he became very thoughtful and began to spend nights in a _____ near Mecca, deep in _____. When he was meditating, in around 610, Muslims believe he was visited by _____ who commanded him to memorise and recite the verses sent by God (_____). These verses were later collected as part of the _____.

Muhammad _____ he had been sent. Most of those who heard his message ignored it. A few mocked him. Others believed and joined him. Muhammad and his _____ came to be seen as a threat to the rich rulers of Mecca.

To avoid trouble Muhammad moved to _____ where he solved arguments between local tribes. It was here that _____ began and Muhammad directed Muslims to pray toward _____ but when he was opposed by the Jews he commanded his followers to pray toward Mecca. Some of the _____ people living there did not like his ideas and tried to poison him. Those responsible were either sent away or offered the choice of _____ or death.

Muhammad gradually strengthened his position throughout _____ and returned to Mecca, taking control. This allowed most of Arabia to be controlled by Muhammad as one whole place.

When he died in 632, Abu Bakr took responsibility for keeping Arabia together.

clan	messages	followers	conversion	uncle	'The Messenger'	cave	
Arabia	Mecca	Qur'an	Arabic	merchant	Islam	Medina	Allah
Jerusalem	'The Prophet'	meditation	The Angel Gabriel	Jewish			