

Key Learning

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Arabia and Early Islam Timeline

570

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610

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619

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620

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621

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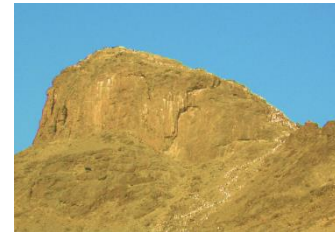
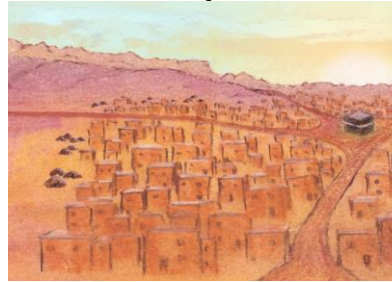
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Vocabulary

betraying	to not be loyal or faithful to
dominated	have power and influence over.
followers	people who support and admire a particular person or set of ideas.
heritage	something that one believes, thinks, or does that comes from one's family or ethnic background; tradition.
idols	an image or representation of a god used as an object of worship
Kaaba	a building in the courtyard of the Great Mosque in Mecca, to which Muslims make a yearly pilgrimage
nomad	living a life on the move
pagan	a person who practices a religion that worships many gods
pastoral	(of land) used for the keeping or grazing of sheep or cattle.
pilgrimage	a usually long trip undertaken for religious purposes
pilgrims	someone who takes a trip to a holy place for a religious purpose
preach	publicly proclaim or teach (a religious message or belief)
recite	to speak the words of from memory and in front of others
revelations	a surprising and previously unknown fact that has been disclosed to others
shrines	a sacred place or object that is devoted to a holy person or god
scorned	a feeling of hatred for someone or something thought of as worthless
truce	an agreement when two sides agree to stop fighting

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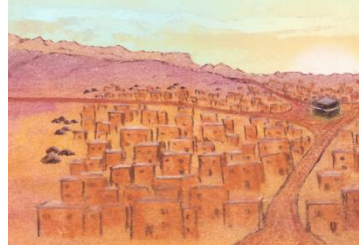
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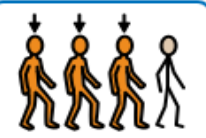
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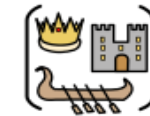
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Rights and Global Goals

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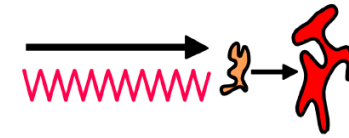


Global goals

10- Reduced Inequalities
16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



Big Ideas



Continuity
and
Change

Prior Learning

Christianity in Three Empires
(Byzantine Empire and Aksum Empire)



National Treasures

Central Birmingham Mosque

