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Stills from the Film – Solution

Do you remember? Each still shows one setting of the film. Describe with your own words what the stills show us about Islam!

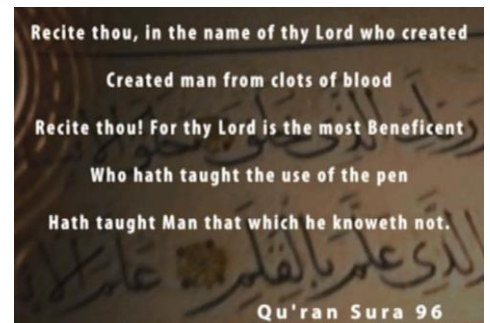


1. *The Muslims believe that the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, contains the pure words of God, as revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.*

2. *Muhammad was born in 570 C.E. in Mecca, Arabia. Today Mecca is part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.*



3. *When he was about 40 years old Muhammad retreated to a mountain outside Mecca to meditate. There the Angel Gabriel appeared before him, commanding him to speak the following verse:*



4. *Muhammad had a famous vision, called the night journey. It consisted of him travelling to Jerusalem one night and ascending into Heaven. There he spoke to previous prophets, including Moses and Jesus. Because of this Jerusalem is considered to be the third holiest city in the Muslim world, after Mecca and Medina.*

5. *The persecution had got so bad in Mecca that Muhammad and his followers left the city. Muhammad travelled with his friend Abu Bakr to Medina, a city further north. This event is called the Hijra or the emigration. It took place in 622 C.E., the year which marks the beginning of the Muslim calendar.*



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6. Muhammad became the leader of Medina, but there followed a series of conflicts between him and the Meccans, which culminated in 630 C.E, when Muhammad and his army conquered Mecca. Muhammad declared the city as the holiest of Islamic sites.

7. After Muhammad's death in 632 C.E. the Arabic tribes were united under Islam with the Caliphs as their leaders. They began extending the Islamic state beyond the borders of Arabia. Less than two centuries later, an Islamic empire stretched from Spain in the west to India in the east.



8. The most famous product of Islamic art is the Persian Carpet, which is highly revered across the world. Carpet making dates back hundreds of years and is a tradition that is deeply ingrained in Islamic society.

9. The second largest branch of Islam is called Shia. The Shias believe that Muhammad had chosen his son in law, Ali, to be his successor. He became known as The Imam, and was the first in a line of twelve Imams who were regarded as the spiritual successors of Muhammad.



10. There are five religious duties that each Muslim must perform. They are represented as the Five Pillars of Islam. The First Pillar is the Statement of Belief, the second is Daily Prayers, the third is the Fast, the fourth is Alms Giving and the final pillar is the Hajj, or the Pilgrimage

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11. Muslims can pray anywhere, but they are encouraged to pray in Mosques. The Muslims go there for the congregational prayers – group prayers, where they all pray together.

12. The Third Pillar of Islam is the Fast. Ramadan is the month in the Islamic calendar in which Muslims are obligated to fast from sunrise to sunset. Putting a limit on food and drink makes one think of different things, for example the poor people that live around the world.



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