

Chapter 1- History of Makkah

- Where was Prophet Ibrahim born?
 - City of Ur in present day Iraq
- What were the names of Prophet Ibrahim's first and second wife?
 - 1st- Hajar 2nd- Sarah
- Who were the parents of Ismail (a.s)
 - Ibrahim (a.s) and Sarah
- Define Bakkah
 - Old Makkah (before it was inhabited)
- Who is credited of finding Zamzam ?
 - Hajar
- What was the name of the tribe that arrived in Makkah shortly after the discovery of Zamzam
 - The Burhum Tribe
- Define Sakana
 - To dwell or to lodge
- True or False: Ibrahim as was a cold hearted man who left his family in the middle of the dessert to die
 - False

Chapter Two Pre-Islamic Arabia

- Define Jahillayah
 - Dark age or Age of Ignorance
 - Before Islam was re introduced in the world
 - No Prophet was sent in a few thousand years
- True or False : Even before Islam came to Arabia, the Arabs knew the existence of Allah
 - True - They knew Allah and fragments of teachings of Ibrahim through Christian and Jews but most Arabs worshiped idols
- True or False - Pre Islamic Arabs believed in Astrology
 - True
- Define Astrology
 - The study of the stars to predict the future
- What was the social last time during this time period?
 - Poetry
- Despite their moral evils, what are some noble characteristics Arabs displayed during Jahillayah?
 - Strong Family ties and loyalty
 - Freedom
 - Honor of promises

Chapter 3- the Lineage

- Define Lineage

- Family tree, roots or history of a person
- What was the name of Muhammad's (saw) mother, father and grandfather?
 - Aminah, Abdullah, and Abd al Muttalib
- What tribe and clan was Prophet Muhammad from?
 - Quraish and Banū Hashim
- What is the difference between a clan and a tribe?
 - Clan- immediate family members
 - Tribe- much larger social group consisting of several clans and some kinship (family) ties
- Where was the name of the clan derived from?
 - From Muhammad (saw) great grandfather translating into "destroyer of evil"
- What was Muhammad (saw) great grandfather's actual name?
 - Amr al- Ula Ibn Manaf
- What does the word Quraish mean ?
 - Shark (Fahir was his original name who founded the tribe)
- What is the reasoning of Muhammad (saw) being born into the noblest and strongest tribe if hyphae time period?
 - Because of Muhammad's attempt into spreading Islam, no one could say he was invalid because of his lineage.
 - Also why the Quran established a strong connection between Ibrahim and Muhammad (saw)

Chapter 4- Ransom of Abdullah

- How did Abd al Muttalib know where to dig to find Zamzam?
 - A dream
- Why did Abd al Muttalib pray for more 10 more sons and to sacrifice one them if his prayer become true?
 - The people of Makkah taunted him that he has only one son to support him and they had several sons
- How was it decided which son would be sacrificed?
 - Drawing lots (similar to drawing straws)
- Who became chosen to sacrifice?
 - Abdullah.
- How did Abd al Muttalib avoid killing his son?
 - The Quraish men went to a fortune teller in Maghrib (Yathrib) and asked for advise. She stated that he should write "ten cammels" and "Abdullah" on each arrow and every time s name came up 10 cammels would become sacrificed until Abd al Muttalib felt that the gods were satisfied
- How many camels were sacrificed over all?
 - 100 which become the new standard for blood money

Chapter 5- The Year of the Elephant

- What does The year of the elephant translate to in Arabic?
 - Aml al Fil
- Who was Abrahah?
 - Governor of Yemen who wanted to destroy Kabah so people would start coming to his cathedral and bring economic prosperity to his land
- Why did no one visit the Cathedral Abrahah built in Sana?
 - The Arabs did not see any of their family history in it
- Be able to describe exactly what happened when Abrahah attempted to destroy the Kabah

Chapter 6-

- What year was Muhammad (S) born in?
 - 570 C.E
- True or False- Muhammad (S) was born the same year Abrahah attacked Makkah with a troop of elephants
 - True
- Know that Abdullah lived according to the expectation of Arab society and that his last news he received was that his wife was pregnant
- Where does the Muhammad (S) name from and what is the root
 - Hamd which literally means "praised one "
- What was the name of Muhammad (S) nurse mother ?
 - Halimah
- Why did Aminah send Muhammad (S) back with Halimah the first time when he was a toddler
 - There was a disease occurring in Makkah
- Who did Muhammad (S) go to live with after his mother died at six?
 - His grandfather (Until 8) and then went to live with his Uncle Abū Talib

Chapter 7

- What does the Arabic word Tarbiyah mean?
 - Process of educating and raising a child
- What tribe did Muhammad (S) grow up when he lived with Halimah?
 - Sa'd Ibn Bakar in the Arabian desert
- Be able to describe the spilling of the chest
- How was Muhammad (S) guarded of evils of society?
 - When he was going to a part on one instance, he heard a wedding music and fell asleep

Chapter 8

- What did the Christian monk predict about Muhammad when he traveled with his uncle ?
 - Bahirah predicted that this boy would become a messenger of God
- What was the cause of the Fjir War?

- A Quraish man killed a Hawazan man out of a trade related jealousy during their holy months
- What was the alliance of Fudūl?
 - According to the Alliance, if anyone in Makkah suffered an injustice, whether he was a Makkan or an alien all Makkan people would support the victim and oppose the culprit until rights and justice were restored
- Know how Muhammad (S) solved the problem of placing the stone back in the Kabah

Chapter 9

- How did Muhammad (S) meet Khadijah ? (R.A)
 - He was hired by her to do her trading for her after her husband died
- How old was Muhammad (S) and Khadijah when they got married?
 - Muhammad (S) was 25 and Khadijah was 40

Chapter 10

- Who was Zayd Ibn Harith?
 - Adopted child of Muhammad (S)
- Who were Zayd's parents?
 - Father was Harith and Mother was Su'dah bint Tha'labah
- What were his features?
 - His features resembled those of an African man
- How did Zayd lose his parents?
 - When Zayd was eight years old, his mother took him on a journey to visit her people. Along the way, a group of raiders attacked them, stole their belongings, and kidnapped Zayd (The kidnappers sold Zayd as slave child. He was a few times until he ended up in Syria) (During one of the annual bazaars a Quraish man , nephew of Khadijah (ra) bought him)
- How did Muhammad (S) end up with Zayd?
 - Muhammad (s) saw Zayd and asked Khadijah to give him as a present
- How did Harith look for his child?
 - He spread the news by reciting poetry at bazaars. One day one of the merchants chanted this to Zayn and he added a few lines to tell his father where he was.
- What did Zayn say when he saw his father?
 - He said that he wanted to stay with Muhammad (S) because he could sense he was an extraordinary man.(Shortly after this Muhammad (S) adopted Zayn as his own son)