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Islam: Empire of Faith Video Questions

Warm Up Questions

1. What are your current perceptions of Islam?
2. How do you think Islam is perceived in the popular Western mindset?

Video Questions

1. What percentage of the world's population is Muslim? _____
2. Describe the childhood of **Muhammad**.
3. What was life like in **Arabia** during that period of time? How was society organized? What was the religion of the area when Muhammad was young?
4. What is the **Ka'aba**? Why is it so important? What impact did it have on society?
5. What was the major function of ancient **Mecca**? Why did it flourish?
6. What was Muhammad's profession? How did this relate to his personality?
7. What was the transforming spiritual experience Muhammad had?

8. Why was the teaching of Muhammad so powerful? What was his message of social justice?
9. What does the word "Muslim" literally mean?
10. What is the Koran? What language was it written in? What is the tone of the language of the Koran?
11. What is Medina? What does it mean? Why is it so important?
12. After trying to influence the Meccans by peaceful means, what did the Muslims do to their city? Why did they eventually win? What did Muhammad do after winning? Did he punish the people he defeated?
13. To which regions/countries did Islam spread, and how was it spread? Why did it become so popular?
14. What technical and architectural advancements did early Muslims make?
15. What happened upon the death of Muhammad?

Follow Up Questions:

How does the video portray Islam? Does the video match or challenge the popular Western perception of Islam? Does the video match or challenge your prior perception of Islam?