## Islamic and African Civilizations

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Unit Overview	Content Elaborations	Unit Resources
In the 600s, the prophet Muhammad introduced	1. Describe events through the perspectives of	*Video- Foundations of Islam
the religion of Islam to the people of Southwest	those living at the time. 2. Achievements in	-Religions of the World: Islam
Asia. Over a century later, Islam had spread	medicine, science, math, and geography by the	- Regions of the World: Africa
throughout the region, into parts of Europe, and	Islamic civilization dominated most of the	- Africa: People and Places
Northern and Western Africa.	Mediterranean after the decline of rthe Roman	* Vocabulary activities
	Empire. These achievements were introduced	* Map Activities
	into Western Europe as a result of Muslim	* Journal Entry
	conquests, Crusades and trade, influencing the	* Creating book jackets
	European Renaissance. 3. Empires in Africa	* Cause and Effect Activities
	and Asia grew as commercial and cultural	* Compare/Contrast Activities
	centers along trade routes. 4. The advent of	* Illustrated Timelines
	the trans-Saharan slave trade had profound	mustrated rimerines
	effects on both West and Central Africa and	
	the receiving societies. 5. Maps and other	
	geographic representations can be used to trace	
	the development of human settlement over	
	time. 6. Trade routes connecting Africa,	
	Europe, and Asia fostered the spread of	
	technology and major world religions. 7. The	
	growth of cities and empires fostered the	
	growth of markets. Market exchanges	
	encouraged specialization and the transition	
	from barter to monetary economies.	
Unit Vocabulary	Enduring Understandings (Big Ideas)	Connections
Ch. 12- oasis, caravan, Muhammad, Islam,	The religion of Islam will be explored from its	Create a website about mosques
Qur'an, pilgrimage, mosque, jihad, Sunnah,	origins and early history, and the processes that	Design and create an African mask
Five Pillars of Islam, Abu Bakr, caliph,	helped the Islamic faith to spread.	-
tolerance, Janissaries, Mehmed II, Suleyman I,	•	

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Sunni, Ibn Battutah, Sufism, Omar Khayyam, patrons, minaret, calligraphy, influence,	Introduction to the early development of societies in West Africa and the rise,	
development	accomplishments, and decline of early West	
Ch. 13- rifts, sub-Saharan Africa, Sahel,	African empires.	
savannah, rain forests, extended family,		
animism, silent barter, Tunka Manin, Sundiata,		
Mansa Musa, Sunni Ali, Askia the Great, oral		
history, griots, proverbs, kente, process		

Student Assessment
Formative, Summative, Observation

Unit Refection