Lesson One

Islam, Empire of Faith: The Messenger
Vocabulary Sheet

Match the terms below with their definitions.

1. oasis
2. nomad
3. tribe
4. idol
5. bazaar
6. pilgrimage
7. Koran
8. monotheism
9. Islam
10. Muslim
11. Mosque
12. Sunna
13. caliph
14. council
15. Shiite
16. Sunni
17. Muhammad
18. Allah
19. muezzin
20. Kaaba
21. Hegira

a. A member of a group that has no fixed home and moves from place to place
b. An open-air market with shops and goods for sale
c. A religion based on the teachings of the prophet Muhammad
d. An assembly called to help determine the next Muslim caliph
e. Square building in Mecca believed by Muslims to be the house of Abraham erected for God and the focus of Muslim worship
f. A small area in the desert watered by springs and wells
g. An image used as an object of worship
h. The belief that there is only one God
i. The civil and religious ruler of a Muslim state
j. One that calls Muslim worshippers to prayer
k. Muhammad’s emigration with his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622.
l. Any system of social organization made up of villages, bands, or other groups with a common ancestry, language, culture, and name
m. A journey to a sacred place or shrine
n. The sacred book of Islam
o. A believer in Islam
p. Customary procedures of living, specifically the ways and customs of Muhammad
q. A place of Muslim worship
r. Founder of Islam, prophet of God
s. One who follows the ways and customs of Muhammad, specifically those who

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accept that authority was passed down through consensus of the Muslim community

t. From the Arabic "party," one who believes that authority passed from the Prophet Muhammad to his lineal descendants

u. Arabic word for God