Islam: Empire of Faith – Part 1
Video Guide

1. When and where was the Prophet Muhammad born?

2. By the time Muhammad was six what happened? Who took care of him?

3. Pre-Islamic civilization had a great appreciation for what?

4. Describe what was exchanged at the Kaaba.

5. What was the message that Muhammad was supposed to preach to people? What message did he preach?

6. Why was the Koran created (written down)?

7. How come the Koran does not provide images of God or Muhammad? **This one is difficult.**

8. Why were non-believers outraged by Muhammad’s teachings? What was he telling them they had to give up?
9. What was the name of the “City of the Prophet”? What was Muhammad’s great task there? How did he treat people of other faiths?

10. Why was praying together seen as a good thing?

11. What did the people of Mecca expect Muhammad and the Muslims to do when they won? What did he actually do to the people? What did he do to their idols (their gods)?

12. Within two hundred years (about 800 AD) how far did the Islam empire stretch? What was Islam’s success due to?

13. Describe the difference between Shia and Sunni about who should be Muhammad’s successor?