

# Holy Book: Qu'ran (Koran)

#### Core Beliefs:

#### Five Pillars:

- (1) No God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet
- (2) Charity/Alms
- (3) Pray five times a day facing Mecca
- (4) Fast during Ramadan
- (5) Make pilgrimage to Mecca at least once if possible

### How it Emerged:

Emerged on Arabian Peninsula around AD 622.

Now: Islam most common in Middle East, Indonesia

#### Other Notes:

- 1. Monotheistic
- 2. Founded by Mohammed
- 3. Followers are called Muslims
- 4. Muslims worship at mosques

#### Other Notes:

- Significant Religious People: Caliph (successor to Mohammed), Muezzin (person who issues call to pray and lead people to gather at mosque)
- Split in Islam into two main branches: Sunni and Shia

#### Other Notes:

- 1. Most Muslims are Sunnis. Sunnis believe that the succeeding Caliph should be chosen
- 2. Shia Muslims believe that the succeeding Caliph should be a direct descendant of Mohammed

## Geography:

