History of Arabia and Iraq Name:

A New Religion

1. How did Muhammad change Mecca?

2. How were Muslim beliefs different from those of earlier people in Mecca?

3. How are Shia and Sunni alike? How are they different?

4. What does the name “pillars of Islam suggest about the importance of Muslims’ religious duties?

Muslim Civilization

1. Why do you think the caliphs chose Baghdad for their capital?

2. How did Muslim rule affect trade? How did trade affect Muslim civilization?

3. What are some achievements of Muslim learning?

The Persian Gulf in Modern Times

1. Which foreign country mostly controlled the region after 1918? What event led to this control?

2. Describe how the new nation of Iraq was created.

3. When was oil discovered in the region?

4. Why was the discovery of oil important to the region?

5. What kinds of independent governments emerged in the region? Which nation had each type of government?

6. Why do you think Saddam Hussein invaded Iran in 1980? Kuwait in 1990?

7. Do you think the United States had a right to invade Iraq in 2003? Explain.