

Benchmark #1 Flash Cards

Rome, Islam, & Africa Units

Instructions

- I have provided you with a list of terms & ideas that you will need to study for your Benchmark.
- Print out the flash cards & define the words on the back of each card.
- Quiz yourself by seeing if you can define each word or read the definition and see if you can identify the word it relates to.

RISE & FALL OF ROME

Roman
Republic

Roman Empire

Julius Caesar

Augustus
(formerly
Octavian)

Constantine

Diocletian

Roads

Aqueducts

Coliseum

Pax Romana

Roman Senate

Punic Wars

Roman
Legions

Great Schism

Catholic Church

Eastern
Orthodox
Church

Mercenaries

Germanic
tribes
(barbarians)

Western
Roman Empire

Eastern Roman
Empire
(Byzantine
Empire)

Roman
Strengths
(What were
they?)

Fall of Rome
(Reasons for it)

Constantinople
(city)

Rome (city)

Christianity

GROWTH & SPREAD OF ISLAM

Muhammad

Prophet

Mecca

Kabah

Medina

Hijrah

Qur'an

Allah (God)

Gabriel
(the angel)

Arabian
Peninsula
(Arabia)

Oasis

Nomad

City-Dweller

Sedentary

Bedouin

Sunnah

5 Pillars of
Islam

Mosque

Caliph

Umayyad
Dynasty

Abbasid
Dynasty

Cordoba
(city in Spain
for Umayyads)

Seljuk Turks

Two branches
of Islam
(name them)

Jihad

Muslim
Achievements

Suqs

WEST AFRICA IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Geographic
zones in Africa
(name the 3
types)

Caravan

Trade Goods in
West Africa

Sahara Desert

Niger River

Trans-Saharan
Caravan Trade

Ghana
(3-5 details)

Mali
(3-5 details)

Songhai
(3-5 details)

Berbers

Mansa Musa

Askia
Muhammad

Spread of Islam
to West Africa
(How?)

Kinship

Labor
Specialization

Oral Traditions

Griots

Growth of
Islam & Arabic
(explain)

Matriarchal
(hint: think of
“madre”)

Patriarchal
(hint: think of
“padre”)

Growth of cities
in West Africa
(explain how it
happened)

Timbuktu

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