

“Islam and the Emergence of the Muslim States”

Instructions: Write a brief paragraph in response to each question below. The exact wording and length of your answer are not as important as whether you can identify and explain the key term(s) related to the topic of each question. After completing this assignment, please check your answers against the sample answers provided by the Saylor Foundation.

1. What are the most noticeable differences between the rise of Islam and Christianity?
2. What were the main methods for the spread of Islam?
3. What is the significance of the era known as “the rightly guided caliphs?”
4. What is the reason for the Shi’a and the Sunni split?
5. What was the most significant impact of Islam in the Arabian Peninsula when it emerged?