

Reteaching Activity

Finding Main Ideas

A. The following questions deal with ways of life and growing trade on the Arabian Peninsula. **Put a checkmark** next to the three statements that give part of the correct answer to the question. The first one is done for you.

1. What was life like on the Arabian Peninsula?

a. The Arabian Peninsula has vast deserts that cover hundreds of thousands of square miles.

b. The climate is arid, or very hot and dry.

c. Much of the land can be farmed.

d. Many Arabs lived by herding animals, moving from place to place to find oases and grazing land.

2. How did geography play a role in the growing Arabian trade?

a. The location of the Arabian Peninsula made it a trade crossroads for Asia, Africa, and Europe.

b. Mountains blocked trade from Asia so sea trade increased.

c. The Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea, and the Persian Gulf gave traders good routes by water.

d. Large oases turned cities such as Mecca and Medina into important trading centers.

B. Following are more questions dealing with ways of life and growing trade on the Arabian Peninsula. On the line next to each answer, write T if the answer is True and write F if the answer is False. One answer is done for you.

3. What connection did Arabs think there was between Abraham and the Ka'aba?

 T Arabs believed that Abraham, an early figure in the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic religions, built the Ka'aba as a temple to God.

4. What is monotheism?

 Monotheism is the belief in many gods.

5. What is polytheism?

 Polytheism is the belief in many gods.

6. What types of religious beliefs did people on the Arabian Peninsula have during the early 600s?

 Everyone was either Christian or Jewish.

RETEACHING ACTIVITY CONTINUED

Reading Comprehension

C. Find the name or term in the second column that best matches the description in the first column. Write **the letter** of your answer on the blank line. One answer is done for you.

- a. Bedouins
- b. arid
- c. clan
- d. oasis

- b **7.** the term used to describe the hot, dry climate on the Arabian Peninsula
- 8.** Arabian nomads who moved from place to place in search of water and grazing land for their herds
- 9.** a fertile or green spot in a desert that shows the presence of water
- 10.** a family of people related by blood or marriage

D. Find the name or term in the second column that best matches the description in the first column. Write **the letter** of your answer on the blank line.

- e. pilgrimage
- f. caravan
- g. Aden
- h. Medina

- 11.** an important trading center on the southwestern coast of Arabia
- 12.** a journey to a sacred place, such as the one made by the religious faithful to the Ka'aba in Mecca
- 13.** an oasis city that became a common stop for traders crossing the Arabian Peninsula
- 14.** a company of travelers journeying together, often by camel