

LESSON 9: Battles of Early Islam

GOALS:

- Gain insight of the treatment of the Muslims by the Quraish after the advent of Islam
- Appreciate the nature and role of war in early Islam (i.e. defensive)
- Understand the:
 - o Causes
 - o Conditions
 - o Main facts; and
 - o Outcome

of the three largest battles in Islamic history

TIME	ACTIVITY	SUGGESTIONS	RESOURCES
5 min	Ice breakers Use this time to check in with the Convert(s). see how things are going and address any concerns	Ask about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - significant happenings - family - questions/queries 	
15 min	Read pages to the Converts	Try alternating the narrator to avoid loss of attention of the audience	Pg. 111 - 118

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15 min	Provide the Converts with a template table (appended below) Secretary to read out facts and the Convert should identify where it belongs in the template table (appended below)	An alternative is for the Convert to fill out the table as the passage is being read out	Pg. 111 - 118
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APPENDIX: BATTLES OF EARLY ISLAM

BATTLE	DATE/CHRONOLOGY	CAUSES	FACTS/FIGURES	SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS	OUTCOME

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BADR	<p>First battle</p> <p>18 months after Hijrah</p>	<p>Increased animosity against Muslims</p> <p>Makkan army travelled to Medina under the pretence of protecting a trade caravan returning from Syria</p>	<p>Short battle</p> <p>Muslim camp based near a brook in an area of sand</p> <p>Muslim army comprised: 313 men 70 Camels 2 Horses</p> <p>Makkan camp on firm ground</p> <p>Makkan army comprised: 1000 men 700 camels 100 horses</p>	<p>Threatening letter sent to leader of Medina asking for Muslims to be thrown out otherwise to be prepared for an attack</p> <p>Divine revelation that time has come to defend the faith with the sword</p> <p>Holy Prophet (pbuh) sincere prayer to Allah for help during battle</p> <p>Rain overnight causing sand to become hard and solid and firm ground to become wet and slippery</p>	<p>Muslim army victorious</p> <p>Makkans fled after suffering losses</p> <p>70 members of Quraish died</p> <p>70 members of Quraish taken prisoner</p> <p>14 Muslims martyred (8 Ansar and 6 from Makkah)</p>

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	<p>Second battle</p> <p>1 year after Battle of Badr</p>	<p>Planned attack</p> <p>Revenge attack</p>	<p>Makkan army comprised: 3000 men 700 of them in armour 200 horses.</p> <p>Muslim army comprised: 700 men 100 of them in armour 2 horses</p>	<p>Holy Prophet (pbuh) dream foreseeing losses and personal injury</p> <p>Central war fund set up in preparation for revenge attacks</p> <p>Former leader of Medina withdrew his 300 men from Muslim side on morning of the battle</p> <p>Holy Prophet (pbuh) posted 50 men on rocky hill.</p> <p>Some of the men posted on hill left post when thought battle had been won by the Muslims</p> <p>Makkans conquered few remaining men on hilltop and used it place to attack the Muslim army below.</p>	<p>Severe losses on Muslim side</p> <p>Lots of wounded</p>

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DITCH	<p>Last battle</p> <p>5 years post Hijrah</p>	<p>Makkans confederate army decided to attack to the Muslims and marched towards Medina</p>	<p>Makkan army: Over 20,000 men</p> <p>Muslim army: 3000 men</p> <p>20-day long battle</p>	<p>Hazrat Salman Farsi (ra) suggested digging a ditch</p> <p>Holy Prophet (pbuh) struck large rock three times each time saying 'Allahu Akbar'</p> <p>Holy Prophet (pbuh) saw the future glory of Islam</p> <p>Evenings cold and near freezing. One-night strong wind blew out fires. Fires blowing out considered a sign of bad luck for Makkans so they withdrew.</p> <p>Holy Prophet (pbuh) received a revelation that enemy had fled</p>	<p>Makkan army withdrew</p> <p>Few deaths/martyrs</p>