INSIDE MECCA GUIDING QUESTIONS

Video can be found online at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFQHgdMJqjo

1. What does the kaaba symbolize?

2. Muslims don’t worship the ________________; they worship the ________________

3. Describe the kaaba. What is the black stone?

4. Give a few details about:
   a. Fidelma O’Leary
   b. Khalil Mandhlazi
   c. Ismail Mahbob

5. How old is the pilgrimage? Where did it come from?

6. When is hajj performed? What are some of the things pilgrims do?
   a. First:
   b. Second:
   c. Third: ritual stoning …
   d. Fourth: return to Mecca …

7. What is the “state of ihram?” What do men change?
8. What is forbidden once you’re in the state of ihram?

9. Where do the pilgrims go first? What’s it like?

10. Describe the circling of the kaaba (tawaf)? Why do they do it?

11. They then perform sa’i. Why do they walk between the hills?

12. What happens when it’s time for prayer in Mecca?

13. Sum up what happens the next day at the Plain of Arafat. What do Muslims believe happened there?

14. What’s the purpose of the day? What is the “standing at Arafat”?

15. What happens that night? What does the stoning of the pillars say?

16. What does the battle with the devil signify the beginning of?

17. Pilgrims then return to Mecca … for what?

18. Give a bit about each pilgrim as they leave:
   a. Fidelma O’Leary
   b. Khalil Mandhlazi
   c. Ismail Mahbob