

# **THE SECOND CALIPH**

## **UMAR IBN AL-KHATTAB**

Umar ibn Al-Khattab was the second Caliph in the Rashidun Caliphate. Before he was a Muslim, he was a very strong willed man who rejected anything related to Islam. One day, when he heard his sister reading the Quran, his heart softened and he wanted to know more about Islam. That was the beginning of his very special journey!

He was born into the Banu Adi clan from the tribe of Quraysh in Mecca. Umar spent his youth tending the camels. He learned to read and write and he loved poetry, even though he was not a poet.

Umar (ra) was strong and fit and very good at wrestling. He was very tall and had black eyes. He was bald in the front part of his head. He had very white teeth and was left-handed.

He was one of the ten sahabah who were promised paradise. His daughter, Hafsa bint Umar, was the fourth wife of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

He became the Caliph when Abu Bakr (ra) died. He was appointed by Abu Bakr (ra) to be in charge after Abu Bakr (ra) died. He was the only one of the four Rashidun Caliphs who was actually appointed in advance.

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When he was the Caliph, the people were often afraid of him, due to his strict nature and how he was very serious about following the laws and rules.

When Umar (ra) was the Caliph, he focused on helping the poor and the underprivileged. He also developed a department to handle complaints about the governors of each province. He was the first to appoint police forces to keep order.

Umar (ra) was the founder of Islamic Fiqh and started the process of codifying Islamic law. He established the Bayt al-mal which was a financial institution that gave annual allowances to all Muslims. This also helped to take care of the widows and orphans.

Umar (ra) was known for having a very simple lifestyle during his time as Caliph. He was not extravagant. He lived in a hut made of mud that had no doors on it. He would walk around the streets in the evenings listening to the people and making sure that everyone was following the rules.

Umar (ra) was assassinated by a Persian slave in the year 644 AD. Umar (ra) was praying in the Masjid in Medina, and the assassin stabbed him in the back with a double edged dagger.

Umar (ra) was buried next to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and Abu Bakr (ra), under the green dome in Medina.

# MATCHING

Match the letter on the left to the answer on the right

**A Where he is buried**

**\_\_ Second Caliph**

**B Camel herder**

**\_\_ Bayt al mal**

**C Umar (ra)'s clan**

**\_\_ Banu Adi**

**D Umar (ra)**

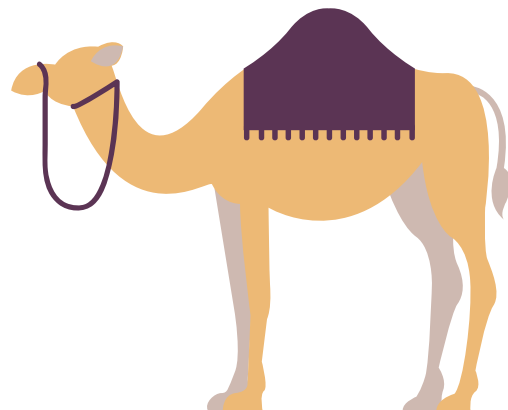
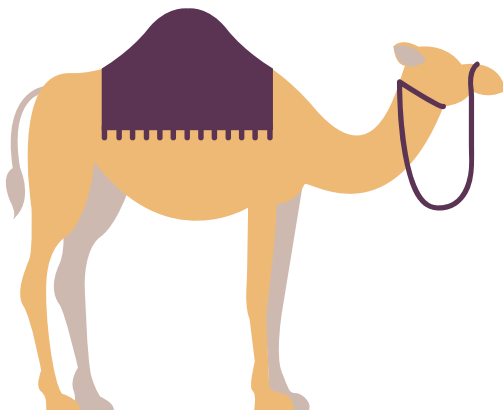
**\_\_ First job**

**E Gave allowances to Muslims**

**\_\_ Umar (ra)'s house**

**F Mud hut with no door**

**\_\_ Green Dome**

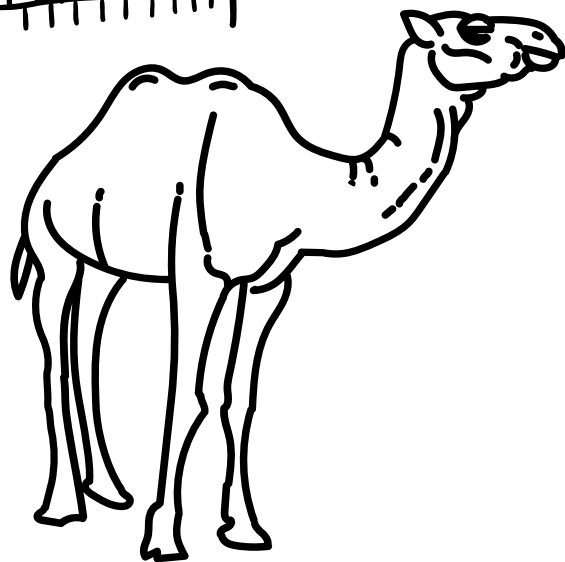
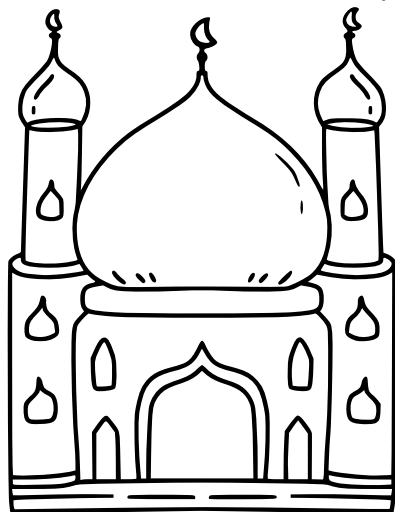
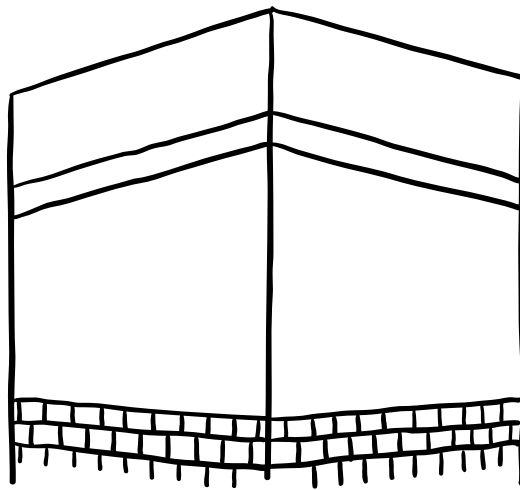
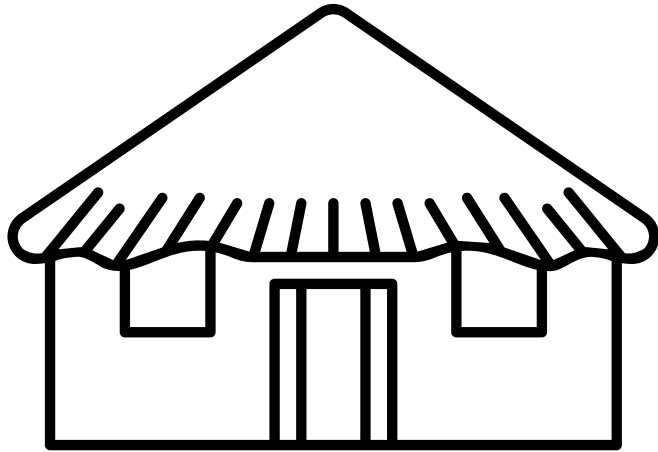


## SHORT ANSWERS

It is said that Umar (ra) was a rough and angry man before he accepted Islam. He then became much more gentle by the time he was Caliph. Why do you think this is?

Umar (ra) developed a financial system that helped the Muslims, the poor, the widows and the orphans. This was called Bayt al mal. What systems do we have in place in modern times for this purpose?

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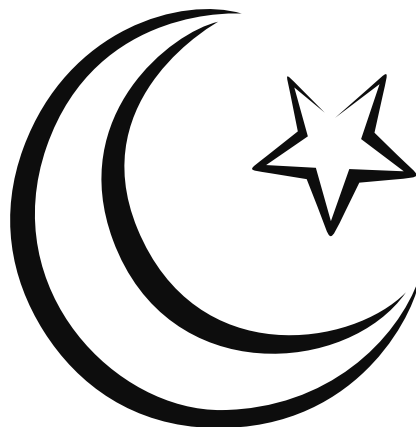
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ORPHANS  
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# QUIZ

**1. Umar ibn Al Khattab was the 2nd Caliph in which caliphate?**

- A. Umayyad    B. Ottoman    C. Rashidun    D. Abbassid

**2. Which departments did Umar (ra) create?**

- A. High Council Department    B. Police department  
C. Fire department    D. Tax department

**3. What was Bayt al Mal?**

- A. It was an organization, who's main purpose was to form a communist revolution.  
B. It was a building that made food  
C. It was a building that collected money and food (extra) to distribute (to the rich)  
D. It was a building that collected money and food(extra) to distribute (to the poor)

**4. How many of the companions have been promised paradise?**

- A. One hundred    B. Ten    C. Two    D. One thousand

**5. How did Umar (ra) die?**

- A. He never died    B. Assassination    C. Rare sickness    D. Old Age

