

Questions for National Geographic's "Inside Mecca"

- 1) What is the pilgrimage called?
- 2) What does the Minister compare the preparation to?
- 3) What does the Kaaba represent to Muslims?
- 4) According to Islamic faith, who built the Kaaba?
- 5) Who rebuilt the Kaaba? When?
- 6) Where does Fidelma live?
- 7) What is Fidelma's occupation?
- 8) Where does Halil live?
- 9) What is Halil's occupation?
- 10) Where does Ishmael live?
- 11) What is Ishmael's occupation?
- 12) Who is Ishmael making the trip with? Who is he leaving behind?
- 13) What must women cover in Saudi Arabia?
- 14) What are two of the reasons that Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in the USA?
- 15) Who was required to write Fidelma a letter of permission for her pilgrimage? Why?
- 16) How long have pilgrims come to Mecca?
- 17) What did Mohammed do in 630?
- 18) What is draped on the Kaaba?
- 19) About how many pilgrims come to Mecca for Hajj?
- 20) When is Hajj celebrated?

- 21) What is the first priority for pilgrims when they arrive in Mecca?
- 22) Why do pilgrims visit Medina?
- 23) What is Ihram?
- 24) How many times do pilgrims go around the Kaaba? Why?
- 25) What are pilgrims recreating when they walk seven times between two hills?
- 26) According to legend, how did water finally appear to Hagar?
- 27) Why do Halil and the other pilgrims buy food at the market?
- 28) What percentage of Muslims today are non-Arab?
- 29) What happens in the streets and markets of Mecca when it's time to pray?
- 30) How far is Mina from Mecca?
- 31) How are the tents in Mina organized?
- 32) Why did Halil feel he was treated differently than other South African pilgrims?
- 33) Where is Arafat located?
- 34) Describe one reason that Arafat is important to Muslims?
- 35) What happened on the Mount of Mercy?
- 36) According to Fidelma, what is the point of the pilgrimage?
- 37) When can pilgrims leave Arafat?
- 38) What do the 3 stone pillars represent?
- 39) What does the haircut symbolize?
- 40) Why do pilgrims throw stones and slippers?
- 41) According to legend, what does Angel Gabriel replace Ishmael with?