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INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC FEMINISM

PART I - EARLY HISTORY

WOMEN IN ISLAM SERIES



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**THE ADVOCACY OF
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ON
THE BASIS OF THE
EQUALITY OF THE
SEXES.**

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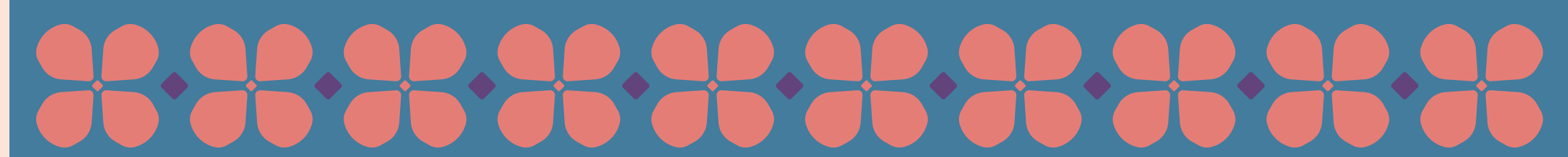
ISLAMIC FEMINISM

Advocates for full equality for all Muslims in both public and private spaces, regardless of gender.

Highlight the teachings of equality in Islamic jurisprudence by citing the Qur'an and the Hadith.

Critiques the sexist and patriarchal interpretations of Islam that are common in Islamic jurisprudence.

Acknowledges the limitations Western feminism has to promote gender equality in the Muslim world.

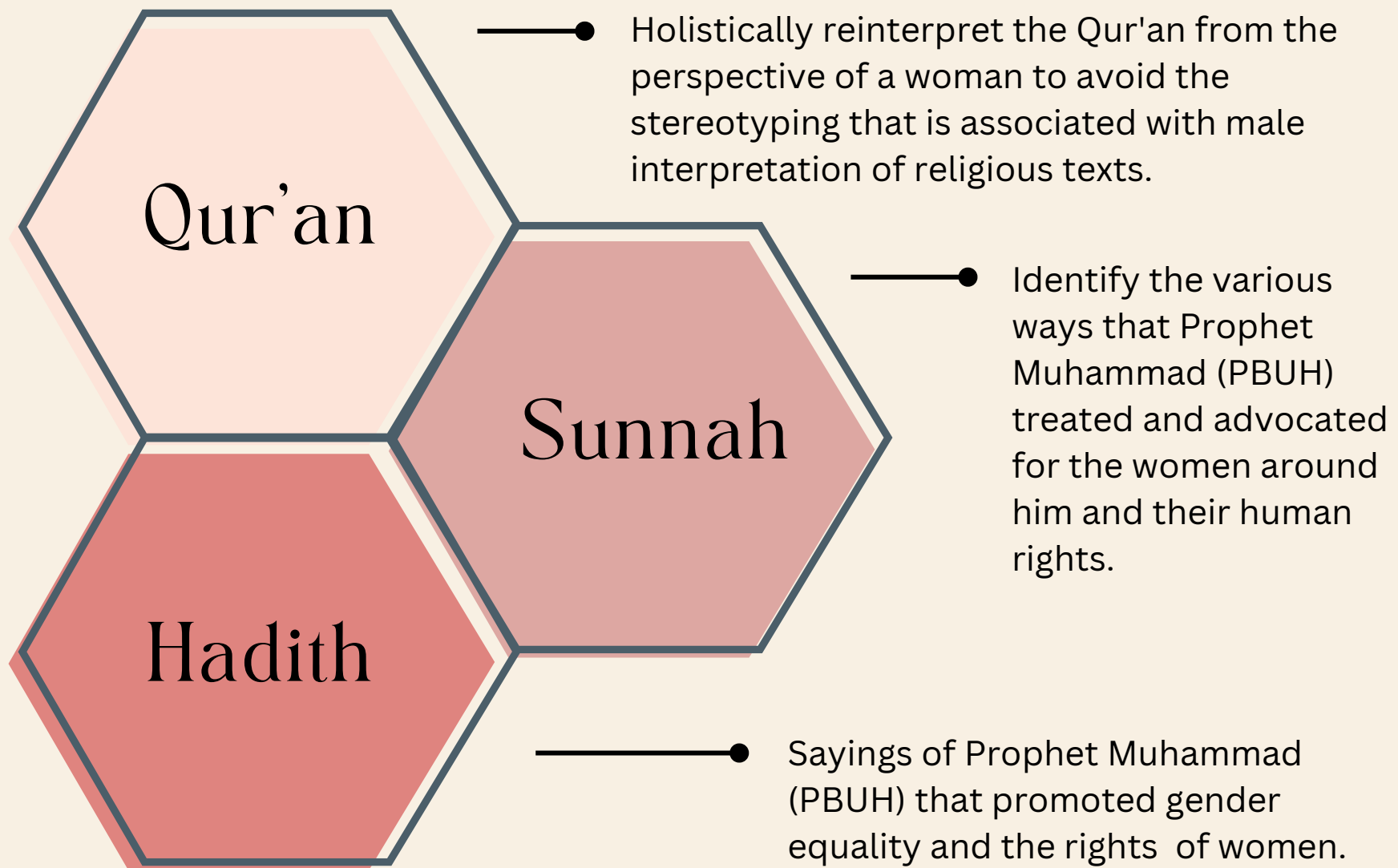


”Islamic feminism
derives its
understanding and
mandate from the
Qur’an, seeks rights and
justice for women, and
for men, in the totality of
their existence”

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THE FOUNDATION





READING THE QUR'AN AS A FEMINIST

Uses historical context, paying attention to the context of time and social norms at the relevant location to define the situation and condition of 7th C. Arab society.

Applies the intratextuality method, which looks at the text as a whole by correlating several verses that discuss the same theme rather than applying a single meaning to one verse.

Based on the perspective and interpretation of women, to avoid the perceptions and stereotypes that men have that may influence how they perceive the position of women.

Returns to central theme of monotheism, *tauhid*, the core teaching of Islam, which recognizes God and Their uniqueness, indivisibility, and incomparable unity.

A BRIEF & EARLY HISTORY

595

Khadijah binti Khuwaylid (RA)

a successful merchant and trader, proposes marriage to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

624

Umm Waraqah bint Abd Allah

the first woman to lead a mixed gender prayer and one of the only early Muslims who memorized the Qur'an, accompanies Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to the Battle of Badr.

625

Nusaybah bint Ka'ab

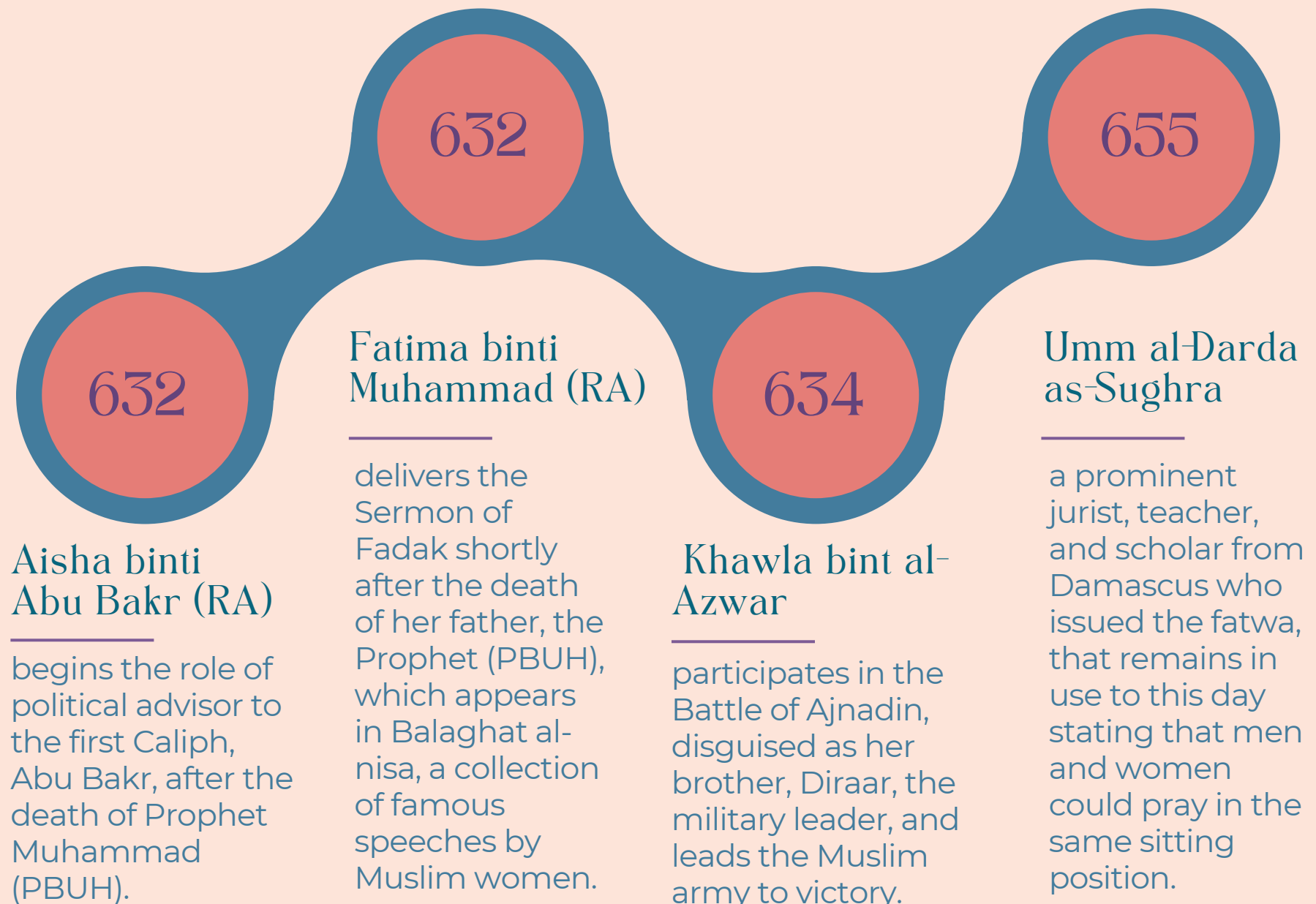
one of the earliest converts to Islam, defends Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) with her sword during the Battle of Uhud.

628

Rufaida al-Aslamia

the world's first nurse and Islam's first female surgeon and social worker, is recognized by the Prophet (PBUH) for her medical skills in the aftermath of the Battle of Khaibar.

A BRIEF & EARLY HISTORY



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680

Zaynab binti Ali

the Prophet's (PBUH) granddaughter gives a sermon in the court of Yazid, defying Yazid and criticizing his oppressive rule.

762

Nafisah bint al-Hasan

a descendant of the Prophet (PBUH) and a scholar and teacher of Islam, known as the best female scholar of Hadith in Egypt who provided religious instruction to other women, is born.

845

Fatima al-Fihri

opens the world's first university at the Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque, which became one of the leading centers during the Islamic Golden age.

961

Lubna of Cordoba

an Andalusian intellectual, poet, and scholar becomes the copyist at the library of Al-Hakam II before being appointed as a scholar and the head of the library by Caliph Al-Hakam II.



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