

## The Islamic Empire

### I. Overview of Islam

- A. Around 600 AD, a new \_\_\_\_\_ religion began called Islam:
1. Islam was founded by the prophet \_\_\_\_\_ in the Arabian city of Mecca
  2. After the \_\_\_\_\_ to Medina, Muhammad gained converts & returned to \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Muslims believe in the Five Pillars of Islam:
1. \_\_\_\_\_: belief in one god, Allah & the prophet Muhammad
  2. \_\_\_\_\_: 5 times per day towards Mecca
  3. \_\_\_\_\_: 2.5% to charity
  4. \_\_\_\_\_: During the month of Ramadan
  5. \_\_\_\_\_: Pilgrimage to Mecca

### II. The Islamic Empire

#### A. Islam After Muhammad-the Rightly Guided Caliphs

1. When Muhammad \_\_\_\_\_ in 632, the Muslim community elected a new leader called a \_\_\_\_\_ (“successor”)
2. The first 4 caliphs all \_\_\_\_\_ Muhammad & promised to stay true to the \_\_\_\_\_ & Muhammad’s message
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was Muhammad’s friend & father-in-law, Abu Bakr:
  - a. His goal was to keep Muslims \_\_\_\_\_ under his gov’t (“\_\_\_\_\_”)
  - b. He used \_\_\_\_\_ to control & \_\_\_\_\_ the Muslim empire
4. The empire expanded under the next caliphs
  - a. During the \_\_\_\_\_ Caliphates, the Islamic Empire expanded “\_\_\_\_\_” (the areas where Islam is practiced)
  - b. The caliphate never \_\_\_\_\_ non-Muslims to \_\_\_\_\_, especially “People of the Book” & allowed religious \_\_\_\_\_ as long as taxes were paid to the empire
  - c. The caliphs used the \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ of Islam) to govern the empire

#### B. The Umayyad Empire

1. After Ali’s death in 661 led to a \_\_\_\_\_ for control of the empire:
  - a. The clan that came to \_\_\_\_\_ started the Umayyad Empire
  - b. But the rise of the \_\_\_\_\_ led to a \_\_\_\_\_ in Islam

## 2. The Sunni-Shi'a Split

a. Before the Umayyads, caliphs were elected members of Muhammad's

b. Shi'a Muslims

i. \_\_\_\_\_ Muslims rejected the Umayyads

ii. The Shi'a believe that caliph must come directly from Muhammad's

c. Sunni Muslims

i. \_\_\_\_\_ Muslims accepted the rule of the Umayyads

ii. The Sunni believe caliphs should follow Muhammad's \_\_\_\_\_, but don't have to be relatives

## 3. The Umayyads

\_\_\_\_\_ the empire which brought wealth & new Islamic converts

## C. The Abbasid Empire

1. In 750, the Umayyad Empire was overthrown by the

2. Under the Abbasids, the Islamic Empire \_\_\_\_\_ to its greatest extent

a. The Abbasid caliphate built a strong gov't

\_\_\_\_\_ to rule their empire

b. Muslim merchants expanded wealth by \_\_\_\_\_ across Africa, \_\_\_\_\_, and Mediterranean Sea

c. Wealth from trade led to a \_\_\_\_\_, a time of great Muslim achievements in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, medicine, & architecture

