

## The Rise and Spread of Islam (part I)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Key Terms</b></p> <p>dar al-Islam Muhammad umma Five Pillars of Islam sharia caliph shia ulama qadis Harun al-Rashid</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Big Picture</b></p> <p>The rise of the Islamic world is one of the most important topics in this course because it has had profound effects on the cultures of many continents and an enormous impact of global trade and commerce. During most of the millennium after the 7<sup>th</sup> century CE, Islam built massive empires and a thriving culture.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Important Dates</b></p> <p>610 622 750 1095 1258</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand Islamic political structures</li> <li>• evaluate the rise and role of Dar al-Islam as a unifying cultural and economic force in Eurasia</li> <li>• analyze the effects of Islam on the status of women</li> <li>• analyze interactions between Muslims, Christians, and Jews</li> <li>• explain European contact with the Muslim world</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Document Analysis</b></p> <p>Benjamin of Tudela on the caliph's court at Baghdad</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chapter Questions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the major beliefs of Islam?</li> <li>2. What were the motives for Arab conquests after the death of Muhammad?</li> <li>3. What were the political characteristics of the Umayyad dynasty? What was their attitude toward conquered peoples?</li> <li>4. What were the political characteristics of the Abbasid dynasty? What led to the decline of the Abbasid dynasty?</li> </ol>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions from Reading</b></p>