

**SSWH5 THE STUDENT WILL TRACE THE ORIGINS
AND EXPANSION OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD
BETWEEN 600 CE AND 1300 CE.**



A. EXPLAIN THE ORIGINS OF ISLAM AND THE GROWTH OF THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE.

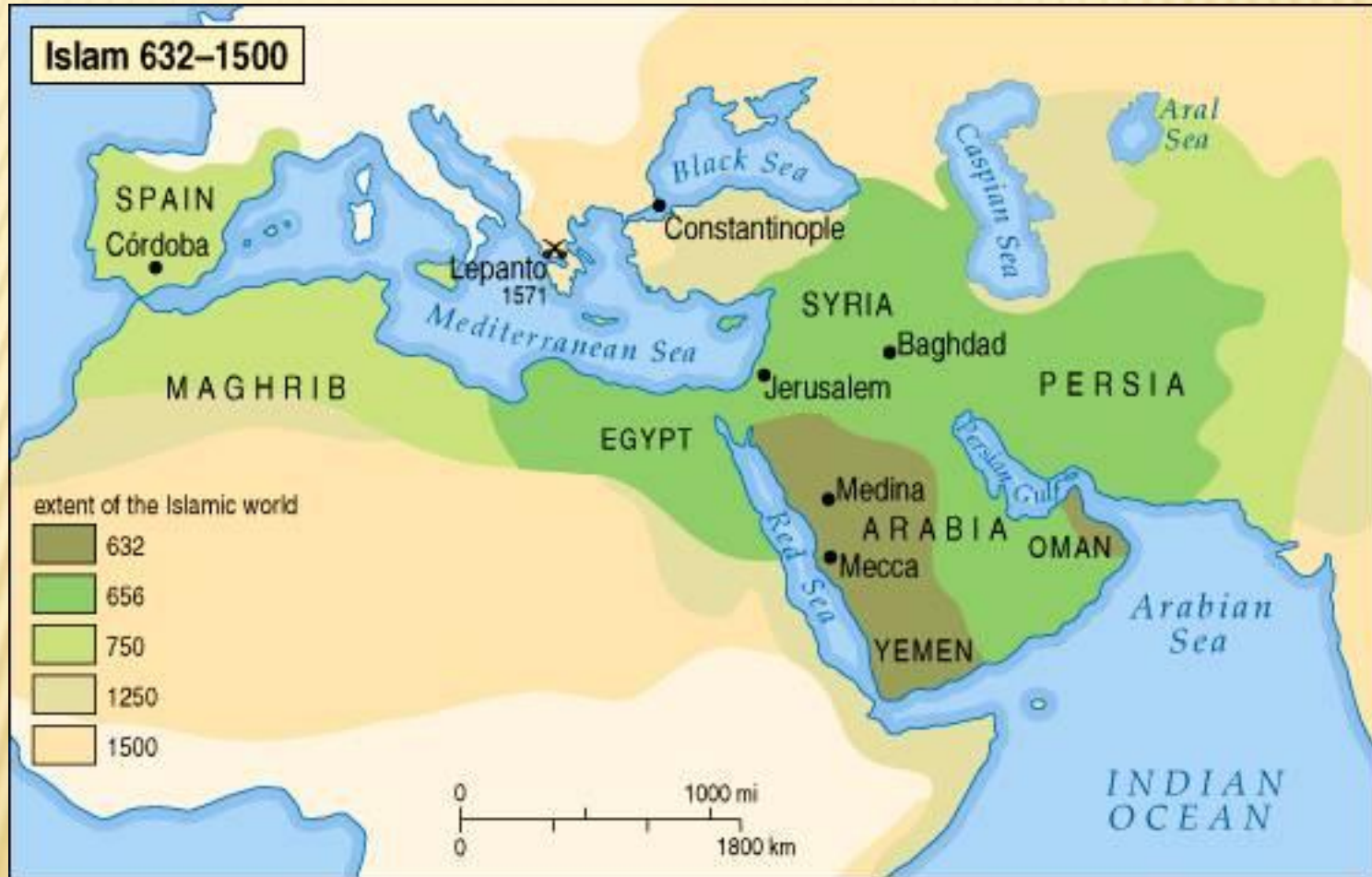
- ✘ Muhammad was born in Mecca around 570. Mecca was a trading region-many in the area worshiped multiple gods and idols.
- ✘ According to Muslim belief, at age 40 he heard the voice of an angel proclaiming that there is only one god-Allah.
- ✘ He began to preach and convert people publicly to Islam.
- ✘ Helped to unite the Arabian Peninsula under Islam.

THE GROWTH OF THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE

- ✘ Muhammad's successors (caliphs:KAY-lihfs) helped to spread Islam through conquest
- ✘ The Muslims easily conquered the Byzantine and Persian Empires: defeated people could keep their religious beliefs and hold government positions, but had fewer rights and had to pay higher taxes.



MUHAMMAD (570-632)



B. IDENTIFY THE MUSLIM TRADE ROUTES TO INDIA, CHINA, EUROPE, AND AFRICA AND ASSESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS TRADE.



MUSLIM TRADE

- ✘ Muslims traded across the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean and across the Silk Roads of China and India
- ✘ Muslims set up banks across the empire where merchants could exchange a sakk (check) for money
- ✘ Trade routes helped to exchange ideas, art, science , and architecture

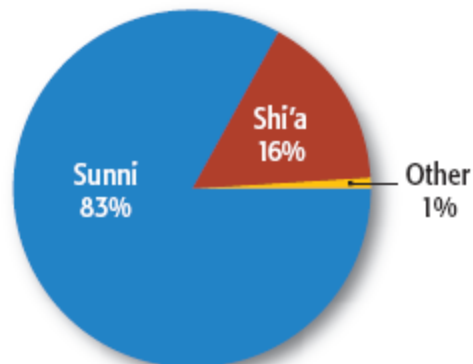
C. EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR THE SPLIT BETWEEN SUNNI AND SHIA MUSLIMS.

- ✘ In 656 the Muslim leader Utman was murdered starting a civil war
- ✘ The Umayyads (oo-MYE-yadz) came to power and moved the Muslim capital away from Mecca to Damascus
- ✘ A minority group of Muslims, the Shi'ites, refused to follow the Umayyads (Sunni)

Basic Differences Between Sunni and Shi'a Muslims

Sunni	Shi'a
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Believe that the first four caliphs were "rightly guided"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Believe that Ali, the Prophet's son-in-law, should have succeeded Muhammad
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Believe that Muslim rulers should follow the Sunna, or Muhammad's example	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Believe that all Muslim rulers should be descended from Muhammad; do not recognize the authority of the Sunna
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claim that the Shi'a have distorted the meaning of various passages in the Qur'an	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claim that the Sunni have distorted the meaning of various passages in the Qur'an

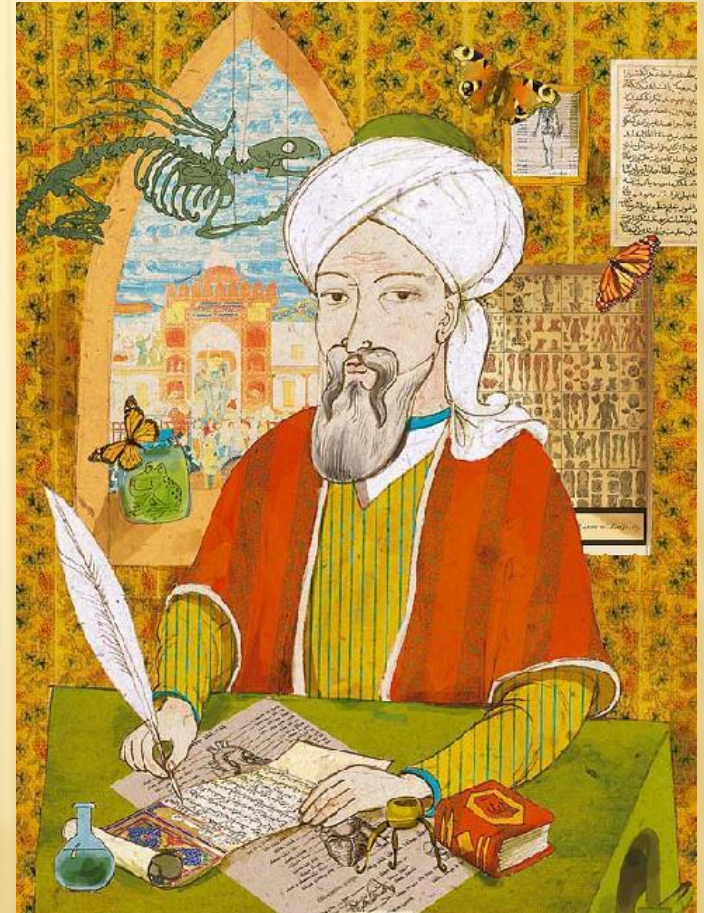
Percentage Today of Sunni and Shi'a Muslims Worldwide



D. IDENTIFY THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ISLAMIC SCHOLARS IN MEDICINE (IBN SINA) AND GEOGRAPHY (IBN BATTUTA).

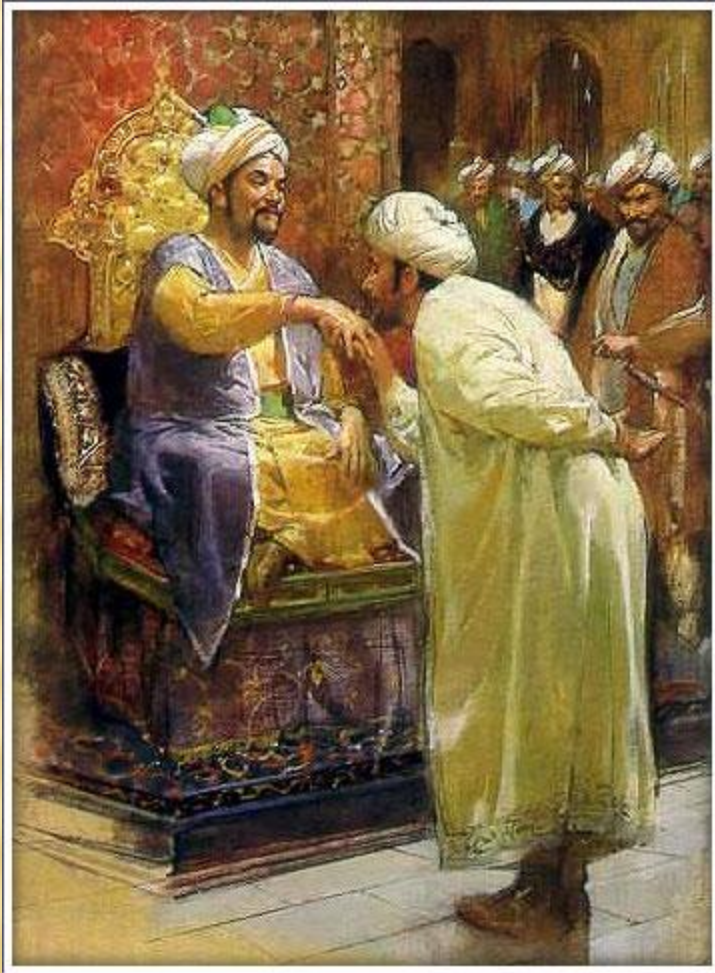
Ibn Sina:

- Wrote the “Canon of Medicine”
Book was widely used throughout Europe
- determined tuberculosis is contagious
- diseases can spread through soil and water



IBN BATTUTA

(GEOGRAPHY)



- ✘ Started his travels when he was 20
- ✘ Traveled for almost 30 years, visiting all of the Muslim controlled territories, China, Russia and Africa
- ✘ Wrote about his adventures

E. DESCRIBE THE IMPACT OF THE CRUSADES ON BOTH THE ISLAMIC WORLD AND EUROPE.

- ✘ The Crusades were a Holy war fought between Christians and Muslims to gain control of the Holy Land (Jerusalem)
- ✘ The Crusades lasted over 200 years (1096)
- ✘ Europeans fought not only for religious reasons but also as an opportunity for adventure and wealth
- ✘ Over half of Crusaders never made it back home

IMPACT OF THE CRUSADES

Islamic World:

- Expanded trade between Asia/Africa and Europe
- A lingering distrust of Christians, who showed little tolerance while in the Holy Lands

Europe:

- Expanded trade between Asia/Africa and Europe
- Weakened the power of the Pope and Catholic Church
- Weakened the Byzantine Empire
- Increased the power of Kings



F. ANALYZE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND ISLAM.

- ✘ All three religions identify areas in the Middle East as being significant to their religion, particularly the city of Jerusalem



JERUSALEM

- Judaism: Considered the holiest city: The Wailing Wall
 - Christianity: Where Jesus preached, was buried and crucified
 - Islam: 3rd holiest city, Muhammad visited the city, and where he ascended into heaven
- All 3 religions have major places of worship within the city

