

# Grade 4

## Unit 2, p.2: *Empires in the Middle Ages, Part 2*

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### Unit-level Essential Question

What marked the Middle Ages as an important time in history?

### Lessons 16-20

**Guiding Question:** How did Islam evolve during the Middle Ages?

**Writing Prompt:** Why was the Islamic civil war different and more traumatic for Muslims than the wars against the Byzantine Empire?

### Lessons 21-25

**Guiding Question:** How can people solve differences without fighting?

**Writing Prompt:** How did the Third Crusade end differently than the first two?

### Unit 2, Part 2 Culminating Activity

Imagine you lived during the time after Muhammad's death. Would you have believed, like the Shia, that that the caliphate should have stayed in the hands of Muhammad's relatives? Or would you have agreed with the Sunni that Abu Bakr and his successors from the Umayyad clan were the rightful caliphs? Give a persuasive speech from the point of view of one of these groups, using evidence from the text to convince your class that your caliph is the right one.