

■ Essential Question:

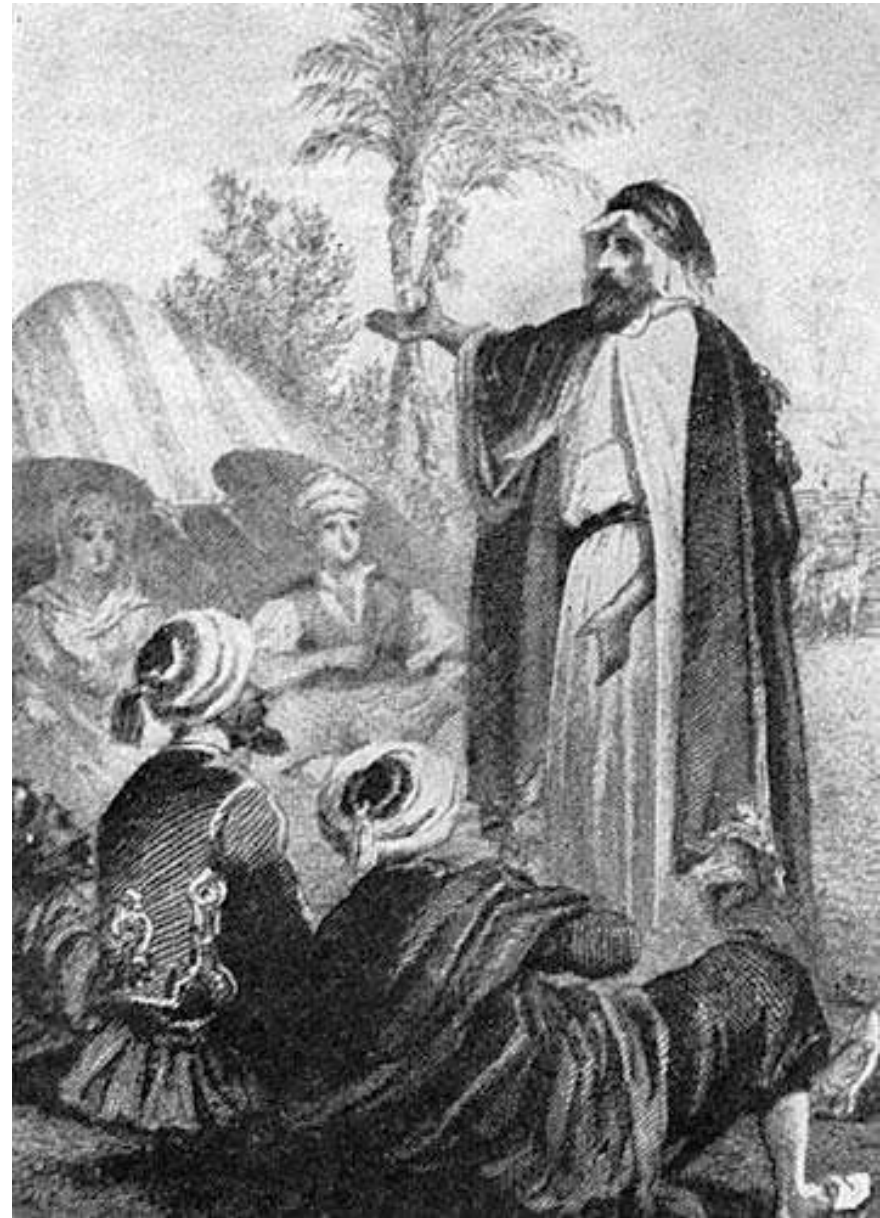
- Who was Muhammad & how did Islam unite the Arab people?

■ Warm-Up Question:

- Read the “Big Picture” section of the Unit 3 Organizer & create a list of questions that you have about the things we will cover this unit

Overview of Islam

- Around 600 AD, a new monotheistic religion began called Islam:
 - The faith was founded by the prophet Muhammad
 - His followers, called Muslims, spread Islam throughout the Middle East, Africa, Asia, & Europe



By 750 AD, Muslim leaders built an empire

The Islamic Empire connected diverse people through religion & trade

Muslim scholars focused on learning & developed numerous cultural achievements that are still used today

Spread of Islamic Empires

622–850

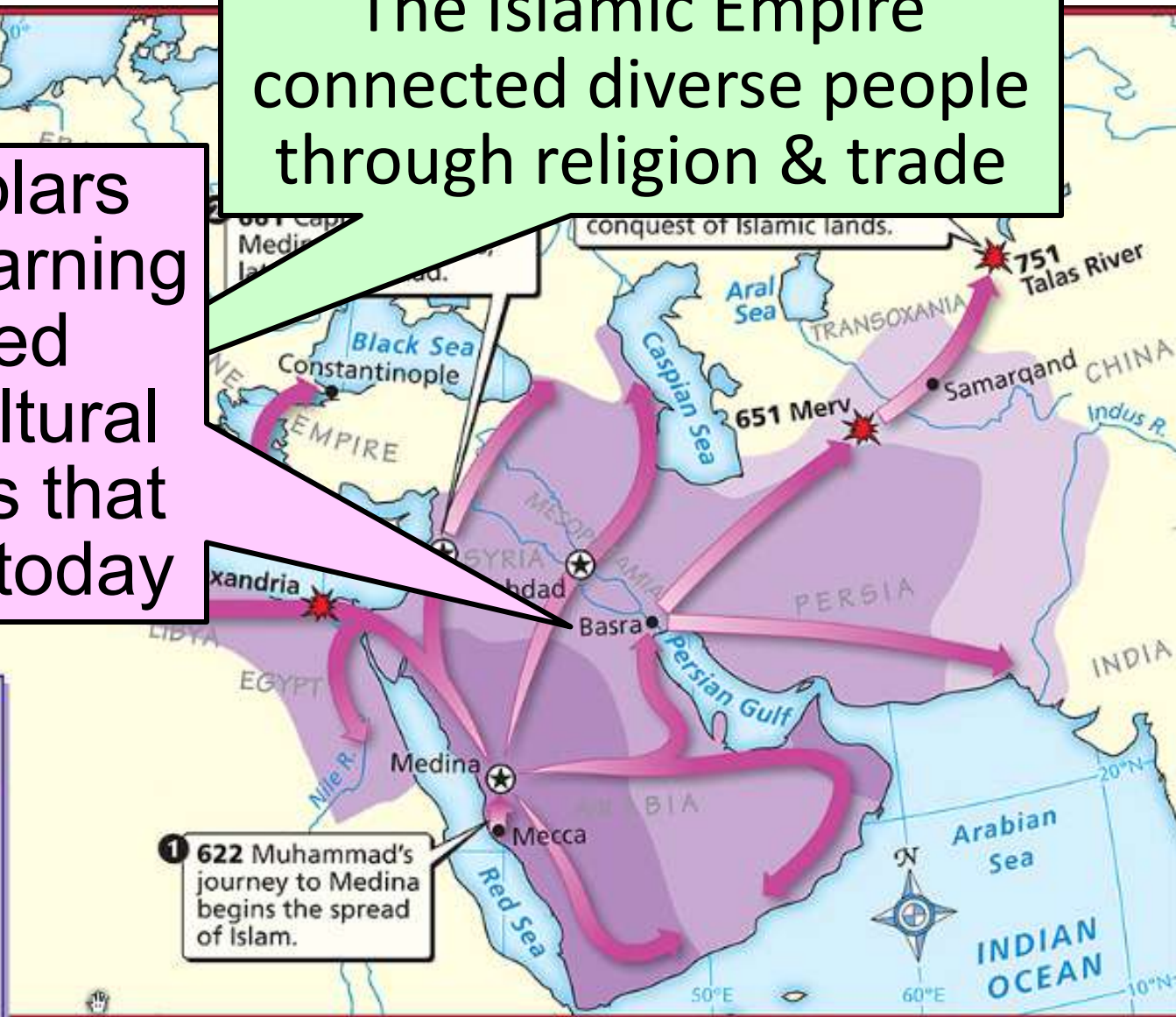
Under Islamic Rule

- By 632 (Muhammad)
- By 661 (next four rulers)
- By 850 (Umayyad and Abbasid Empires)

- Muslim armies
- Islamic capital
- Battle

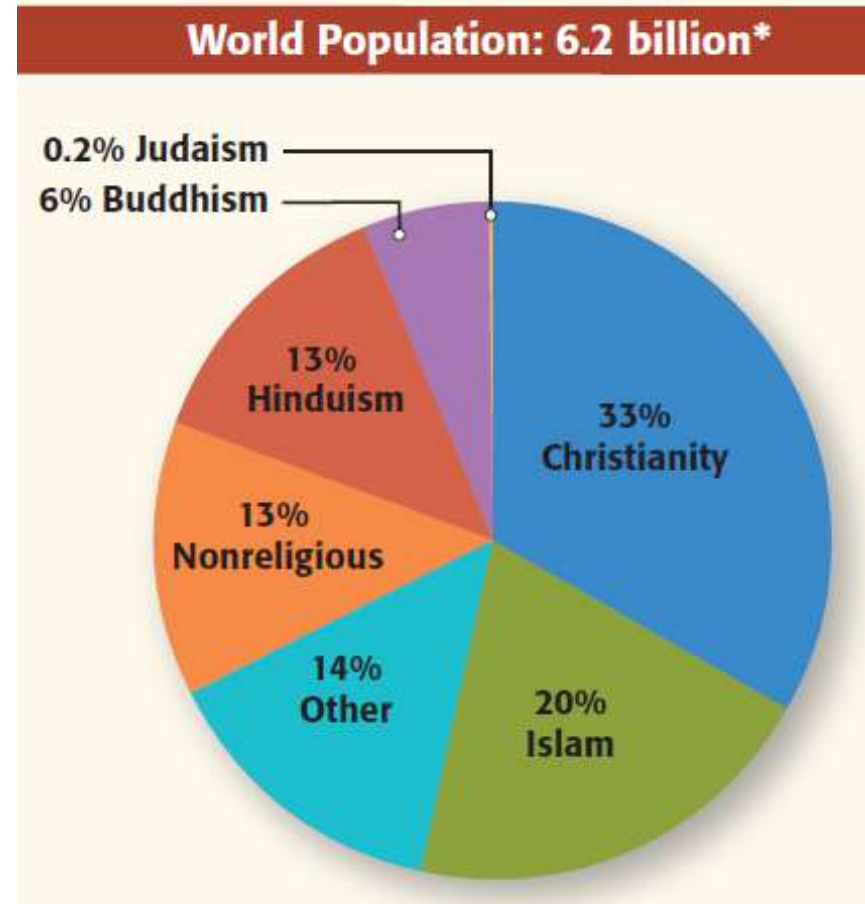
1 622 Muhammad's journey to Medina begins the spread of Islam.

B Islam first expanded through military conquest. The rulers of the Islamic Empires were also religious leaders.



Overview of Islam

Today, Islam is the world's fastest growing religion with more than 1 billion followers throughout the world

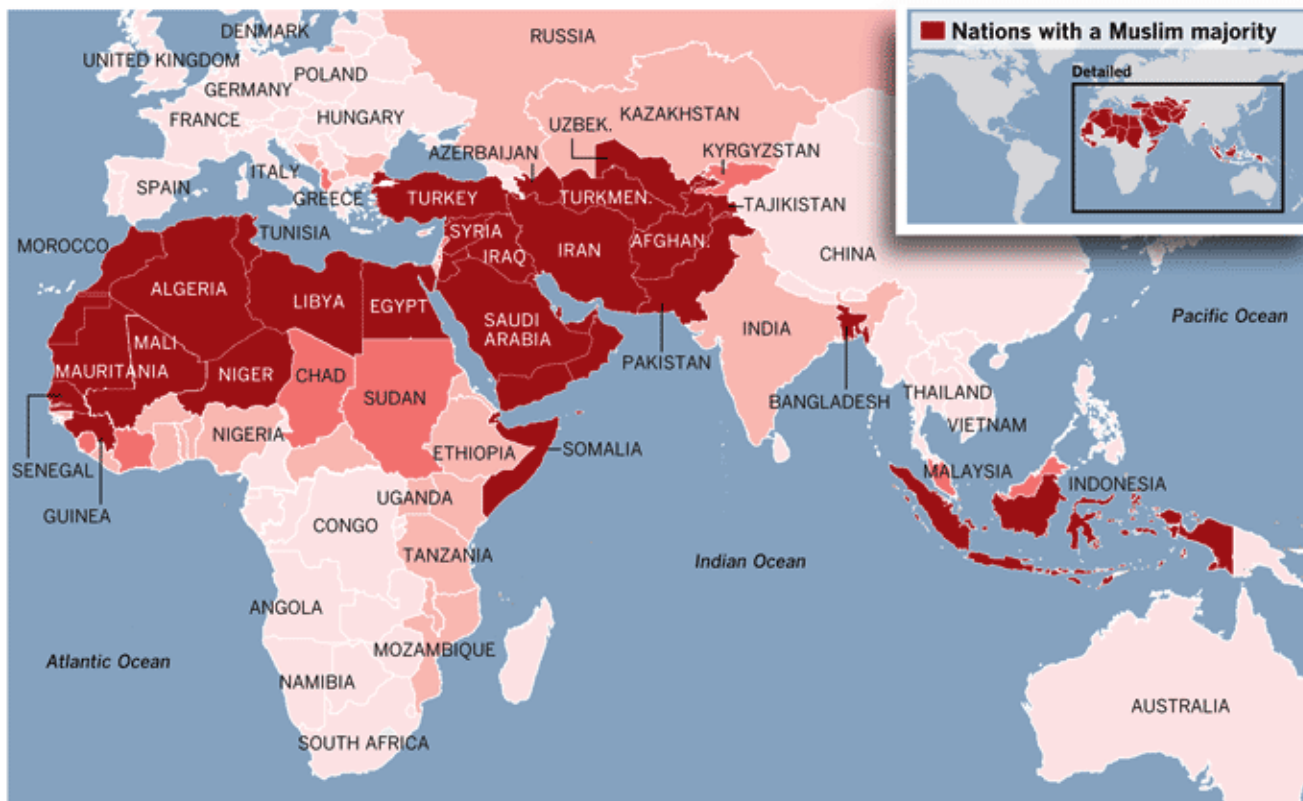


	Buddhism	Christianity	Hinduism	Islam	Judaism	Confucianism
Followers Worldwide	362 million	2 billion	820 million	1.2 billion	14.5 million	6.3 million

The Muslim world

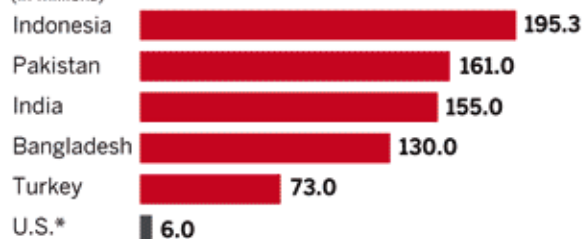
President Obama's call for a new relationship between the United States and Muslims addressed a community that, while heavily concentrated in the Middle East and North Africa, is present throughout the world.

Percent of population: 81 – 100% 51 – 80% 11 – 50% 0 – 10% No data



Nations with highest Muslim populations

(In millions)



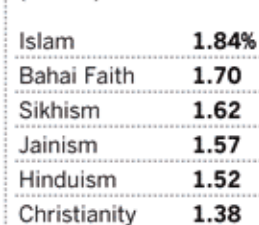
Major world religions

(By adherents)



Fastest-growing religions

(2000-05)



*U.S. included for comparison purposes only. ** Includes Buddhism, Chinese traditional, primal-indigenous groups

Sources: World Christian Database, CIA WorldFactbook, ESRI. Graphics reporting by **TOM REINKEN, BRADY MACDONALD, THOMAS SUH LAUDER**

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What was Arabia like before Muhammad?



Arabia, the Birthplace of Islam

The Arabian Peninsula is a desert region with little fertile soil or

farming

Most Arabs lived in desert tribes which were centered around families & were ruled

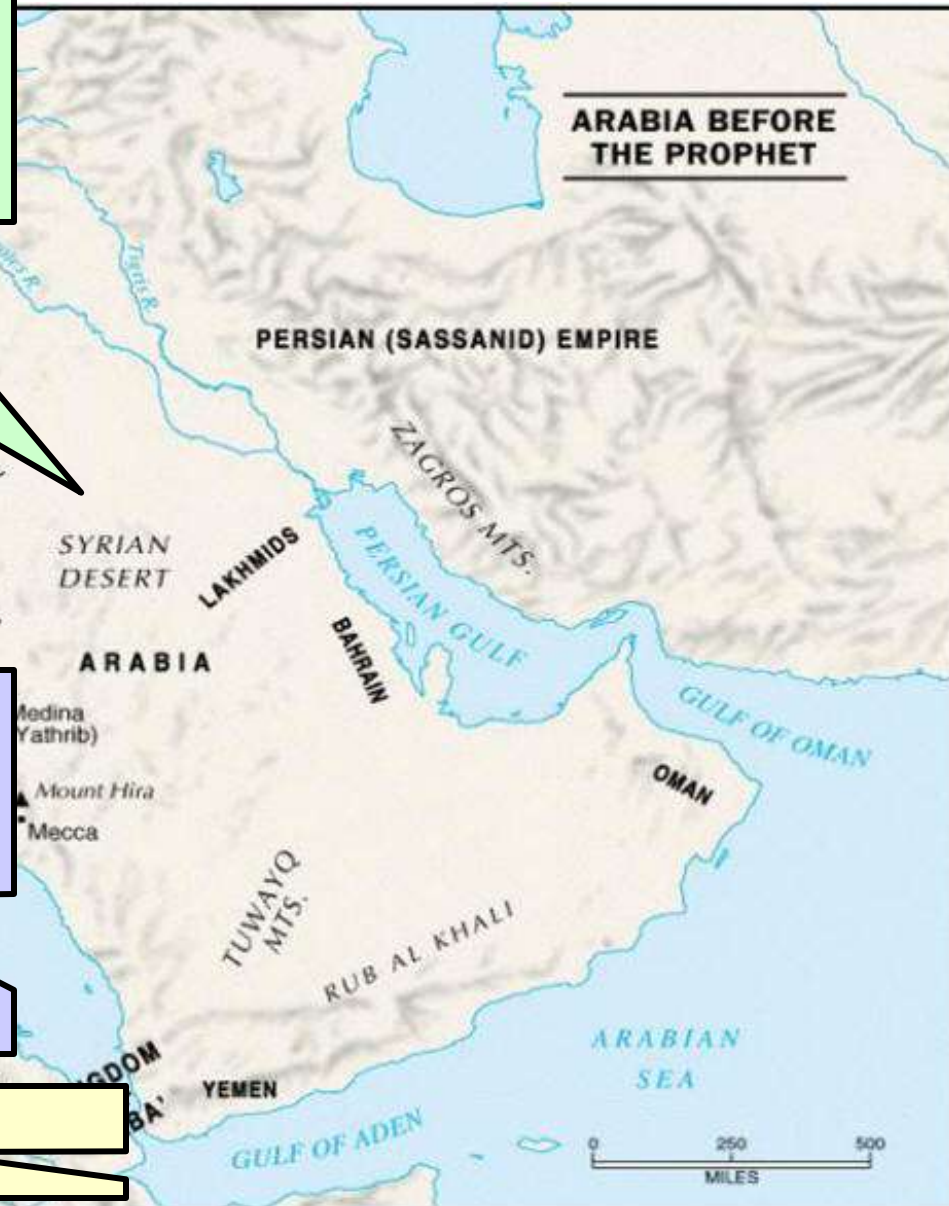
by clans

Arabia was not united under a single gov't, but Arabs did have a common language

(Arabic)

Most Arabs were

polytheistic

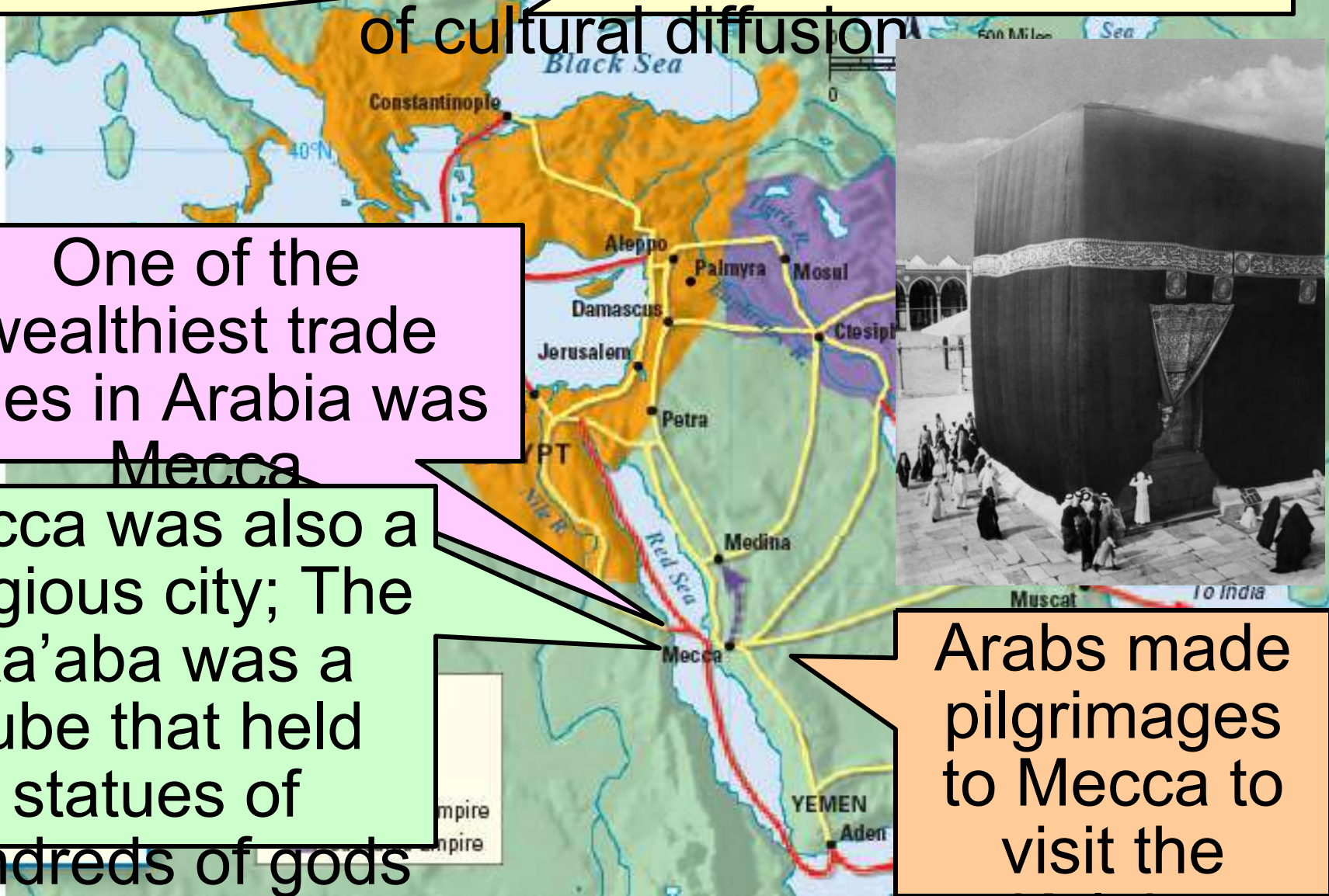


But, Arabia was the intersection of 3 continents (Africa, Asia, & Europe) so it was an important region for trade & had lots of cultural diffusion

One of the wealthiest trade cities in Arabia was Mecca

Mecca was also a religious city; The Ka'aba was a cube that held statues of hundreds of gods

Arabs made pilgrimages to Mecca to visit the



Who was Muhammad?



The Early Life of Muhammad

- Muhammad's early life:
 - He was born in Mecca in 570 into a poor clan, was orphaned at a young age, & was raised by his grandparents
 - As an adult, Muhammad became an honest & successful merchant
 - He married a wealthy widow & started a family

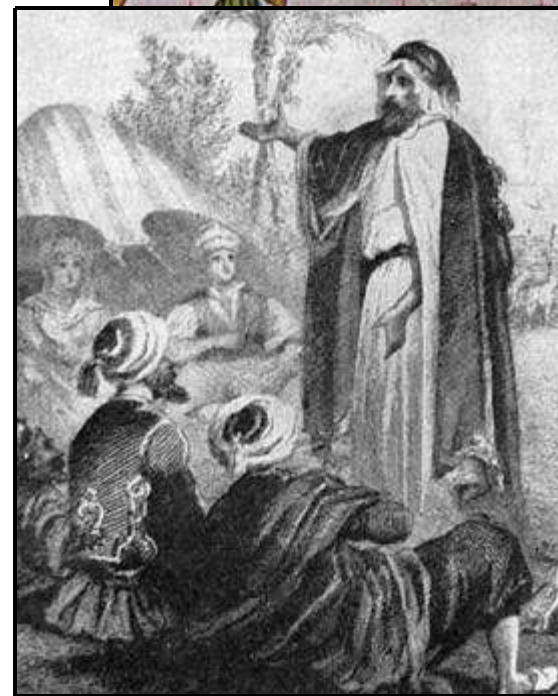


What happened to Muhammad in 610?

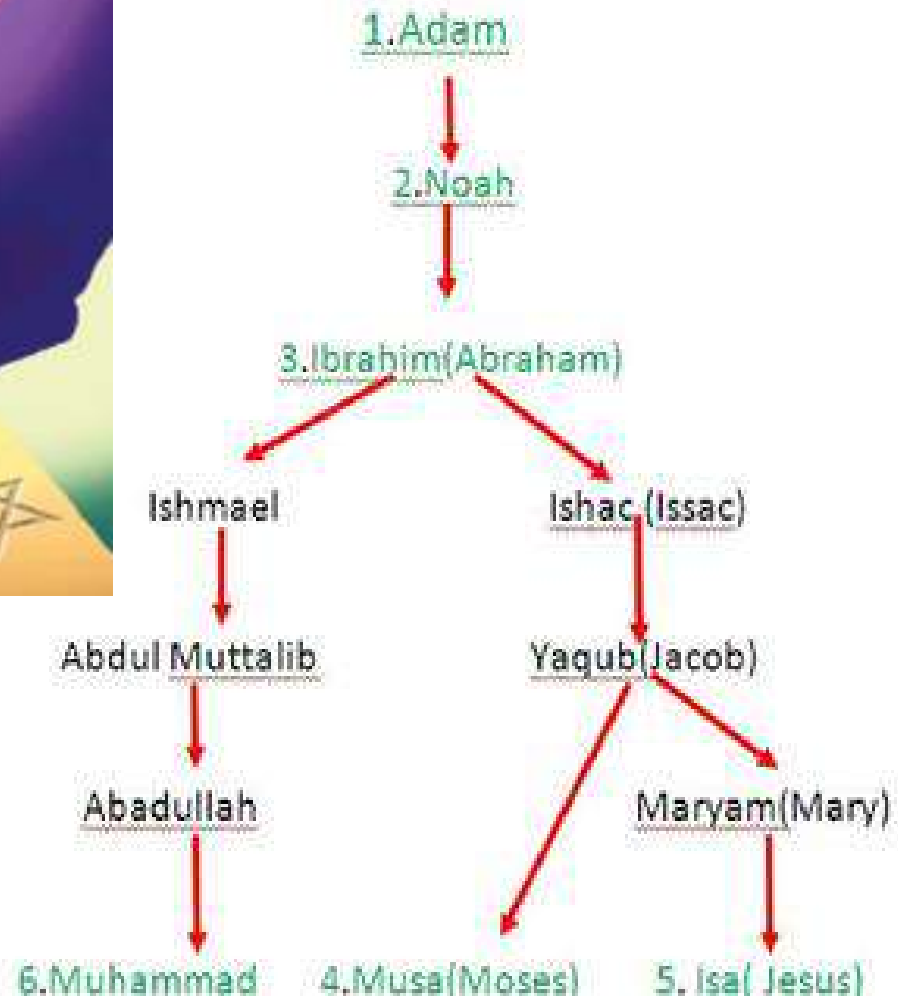


Mohammad & Islam

- Muhammad created Islam:
 - Muhammad's work brought him into contact with Jewish & Christian merchants
 - In 610, Muhammad was told by the angel Gabriel that he was a prophet sent to Earth by God
 - He began preaching a new monotheistic faith called Islam ("surrender to God")



What is the basic concept of Islam?



Islam

- Basic beliefs of Islam:
 - Followers of Islam are called Muslims who believe in one God, called Allah
 - Allah is the same God worshiped by Jews & Christians
 - Muslims believe Muhammad was the last of God's prophets

The teachings of Mohammed were written down in the Qur'an (Koran), the holy



How did some people respond to Muhammad's new religion?



The Hijrah

- Reactions to Islam:
 - By 613, Muhammad began preaching his new ideas in Mecca
 - Some people were attracted to Islam
 - But, many people feared Muhammad's growing popularity & that Mecca would lose its status as a holy city

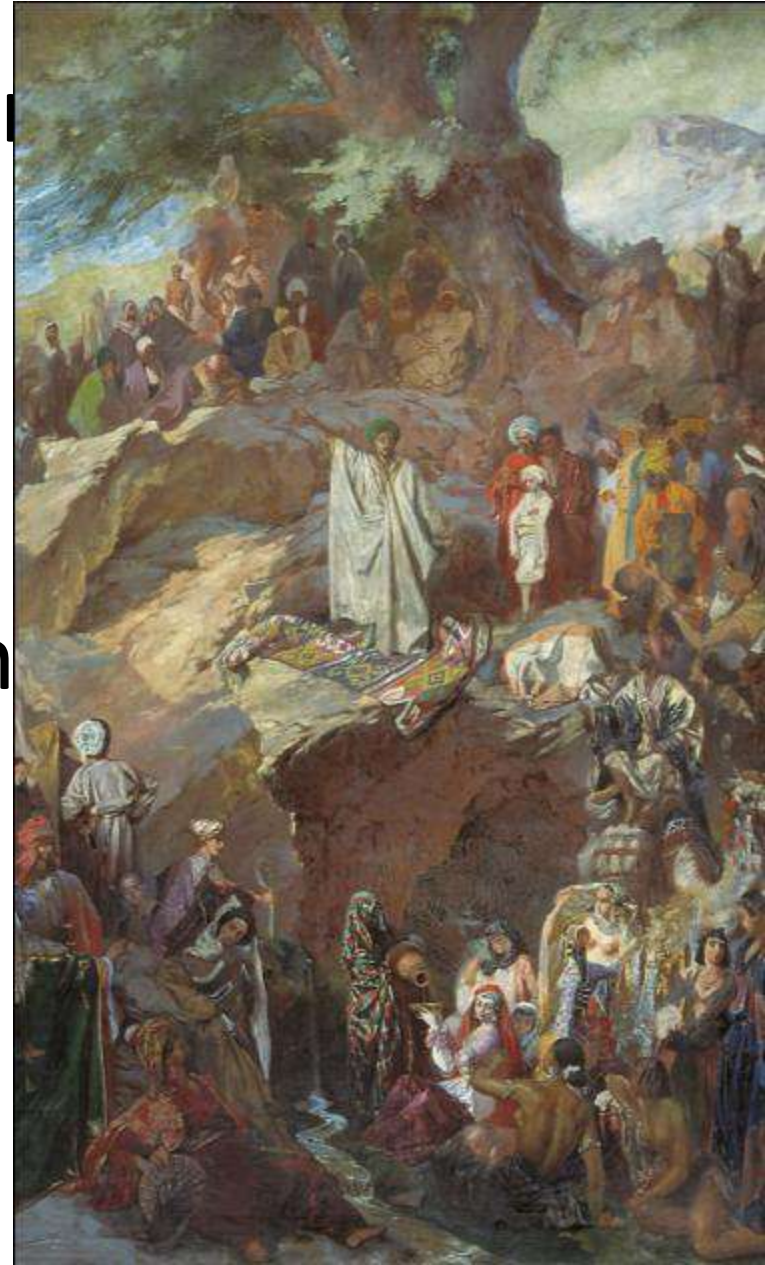


How did Muhammad react to violence by non-Muslims in Mecca?

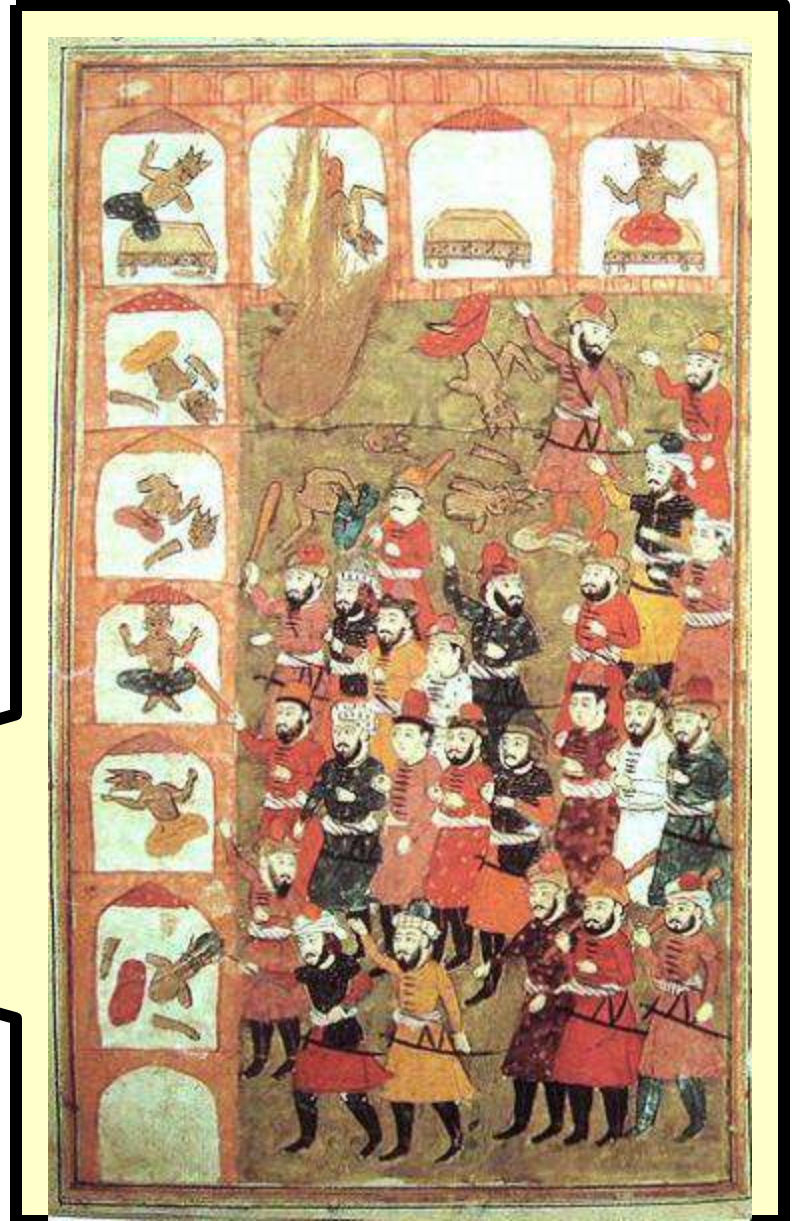
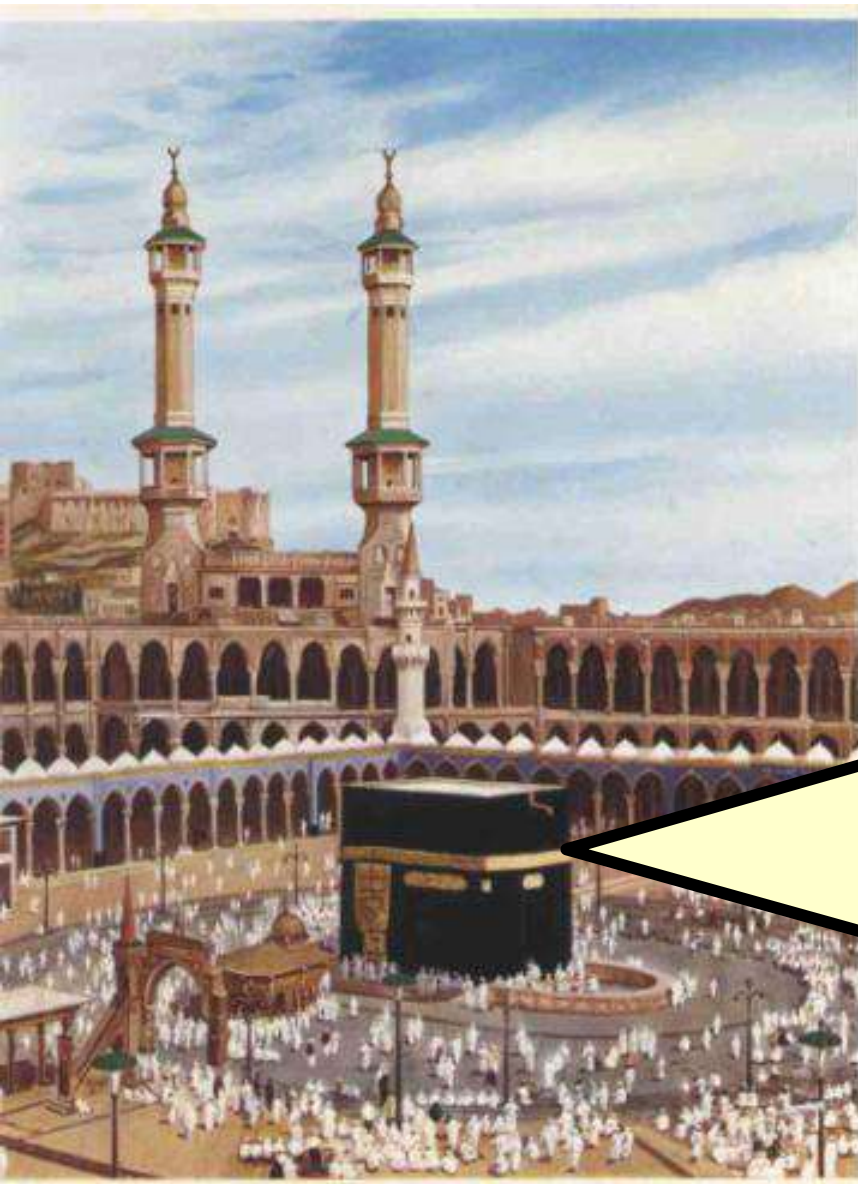


Islam Grows in Medina

- After years of attacks, Muhammad & his followers fled to Medina
 - This migration was known as the Hijrah
 - In Medina, Muhammad gained new converts who put Islam above their families & clans
 - He taught respect for Christians & Jews (“People of the Book”)



What did Muhammad do after he gained converts & returned to Mecca?

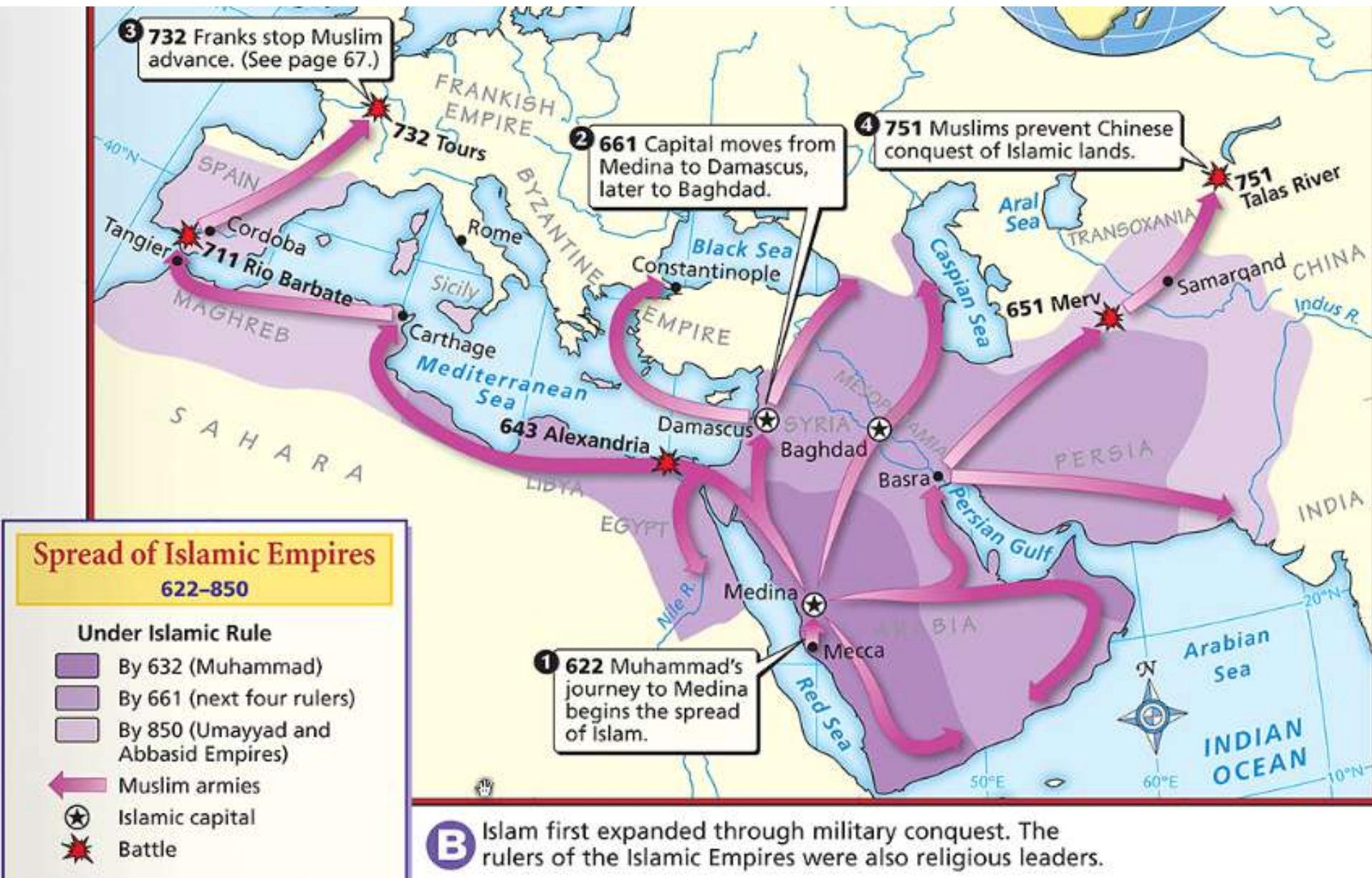


Islam

- In 630, Muhammad returned to Mecca with 10,000 troops & conquered the city
- He destroyed the god statues in the Ka'ab leaving only the statue for Allah
 - This time, the people in Mecca converted to Islam
 - In 632, Muhammad died



What happened to Islam after Muhammad's death?



The Islamic Empire

- After Muhammad, Islamic leaders created an empire:
 - The Islamic Empire had well-trained troops that conquered nearby regions
 - The massive empire led to great wealth for Muslims & new opportunities to spread Islam



Closure Activity

- Compare the roles of Moses, Jesus, & Muhammad in the development of the 3 major monotheistic religions
- Match the terms from the word bank with the appropriate prophet



Moses



Jesus



Muhammad