

## AP World History ~ The Golden Age of the Islamic Empire 750-1150 CE

### PBS Empires – *Islam, Empire of Faith: The Awakening (Part II)*

*Instructions: Answer the following questions based on the PBS documentary Islam, Empire of Faith: The Awakening. The questions below are listed in the order they appear in the film.*

1. What is the Arabic word for conquest? What does this word literally mean?
2. Where did pilgrims from every corner of the Muslim world journey to? What is this called in Islam and what does it symbolize?
3. How did the annual Islamic pilgrimages help commerce and technology within the Islamic world?
4. How long did it take to travel from one end of the Islamic Empire to the other? What “fabled city of wealth” existed at the heart of the Islamic Empire?
5. What was the “House of Wisdom” in Baghdad? Where did the scholars that gathered there come from?
6. How were Muslim scientists different from Christian scientists? Where did they get their scientific knowledge from and what kinds of things did they contribute to the world?
7. What innovative theory of disease did Muslim physicians develop in the 8th century? How long were these techniques practiced by Muslim and European physicians?
8. What technology did Muslim inventors create in AD 750 that began to be used around the world shortly after? What did this do to the quantity and availability of Muslim literature?
9. Where could Christians experience the lifestyle that most Muslims took for granted? Why was this and what was the Muslim capital in Europe?
10. Why would Christian observers be shocked and awed by what they could see at Cordoba?
11. What building inside Granada represents the pinnacle of Islamic culture in Europe? How was life in Granada for the Muslim elite different from the origins of Islam and life in surrounding Europe?
12. What did the Egyptian ruler Al Haqim do in 1009? What kind of reaction did this produce in

Christian Europe and lead to in 1095?

13. What did Shepherds outside Jerusalem see in 1097? Why was this a good time for outsider to invade the Muslim world?
14. What happened on July 15, 1099? What did a letter to the Pope about the occasion say about the “blood of the Saracens”?
15. How many Crusaders invaded the Holy Land in the First Crusade? How many remained to control the area and what did they build?
16. What did Crusaders learn about Muslim lifestyle from their stay in the Middle East? What did this cause in Europe?
17. What united the Muslim Empire and how did “Saqqs” help this? What would “saqs” eventually become?
18. What product was the backbone of the Muslim economy? How did this industry promote other industries within the Muslim world?
19. What did the Muslim leader Saladin represent in the struggle between Muslims and Christians in the Holy land? What did he do in 1187?
20. How did Saladin treat the Christians he conquered in Jerusalem and what reputation did this give him in Christian Europe?
21. Who did Thomas Aquinas look to the writings of to justify his essay that faith and reason are not opposed? What tribute can one find to this man in Rafael's Renaissance painting “School of Athens”?
22. What destruction from the East destroyed the Islamic Empire in the 13th century?
23. What did the Mongols do to Baghdad in 1258? How many people were killed?
24. What happened to the Mongols as they conquered Muslim kingdoms? How did this transform and revitalize the Islamic world?