

Map Activity: The Expansion of Islam

For this activity, you will document the spread of Islam using your map and the map in Strayer p. 64 (pdf p. 119). Be sure to follow the instructions carefully.

Directions for coloring the map ONLY are underlined. All of the rest are questions you MUST answer.



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1. Islam originated in the Arabian Peninsula. Label the Arabian Peninsula. Then, label the three bodies of water that surround the Arabian Peninsula on your map.
2. There are three holy cities in Islam (you should know them from your reading). Name these below AND label them on your map.

Use a modern world map (see back of the classroom or the internet)

3. In the time of Muhammad, there were no countries on the Arabian Peninsula. Societies there were organized according to tribal groups. Using the modern map, identify three countries that are located on the Arabian Peninsula today. Name these countries below.
4. By 900, the Islamic world had grown significantly beyond the Arabian Peninsula. Choose a color and color code this region on your map. (Labeled "Islamic world in 900")
5. By 1300, Islam had spread to areas in India and Europe. Choose a color and color code this region on your map. (Labeled "Expansion of Islamic world 900-1300")

6. By 1500, Islam had spread even further. Choose a color and color code this region on your map. (Labeled "Expansion of Islamic world, 1300-1500")
7. (Make a key for #4-6).
8. In the year _____ the Christian Spanish leaders Ferdinand and Isabella completed the reconquest of the Muslim controlled Spain.
9. Label the Sultanate of Delhi.
10. By 1500, how far did Islam's influence extend: (based upon the entire map)
North:
South:
East:
West:
11. How did Islam spread into Africa south of the Sahara (Sub-Saharan Africa)?
12. Islam spread to such specific regions of Malaysia and Indonesia. How do you suppose this occurred?