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# The Expansion of Islam

## Part One – Arab Conquerors

Read “Arab Conquerors” and “Important Battles” (Peeps pages 222 - 224)

How were the Muslims able to spread their religion across North Africa and the Middle East so quickly? Identify at least two reasons why it expanded quickly.

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## Part Two – Map Study

Work with your table partner and use the maps on pages 222 - 223 and 624 – 625 in Peeps to answer these questions.

1. Find the cities of Mecca and Medina on the map on page 223.

Name the sea near the two cities: \_\_\_\_\_

Name the modern day country where the two cities are located: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Muslim Empire reached how far in 750 C.E.?

Landmark or country the farthest North (Northernmost): \_\_\_\_\_

Landmark or country the farthest South (Southernmost): \_\_\_\_\_

Landmark or country the farthest East (Easternmost): \_\_\_\_\_

Landmark or country the farthest West (Westernmost): \_\_\_\_\_

3. In what modern day country was the Battle of Tours fought? \_\_\_\_\_

4. In what city did the trade route heading directly east toward Persia and Talas originate?

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5. Imagine you were traveling by land from Baghdad to Europe;

What city would you pass through to enter Europe? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the modern day name of this city? \_\_\_\_\_

6. The trade route along the coast of North Africa passed through what cities from east to west?

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7. Before entering Spain, travelers from Africa had to cross which narrow body of water?

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## Challenge - Modern Day Legacy of Islam

Find and study a modern map. Use your found map and create a list of at least 15 modern-day countries that were controlled by the Muslims around 750 C.E. on the back of this page.