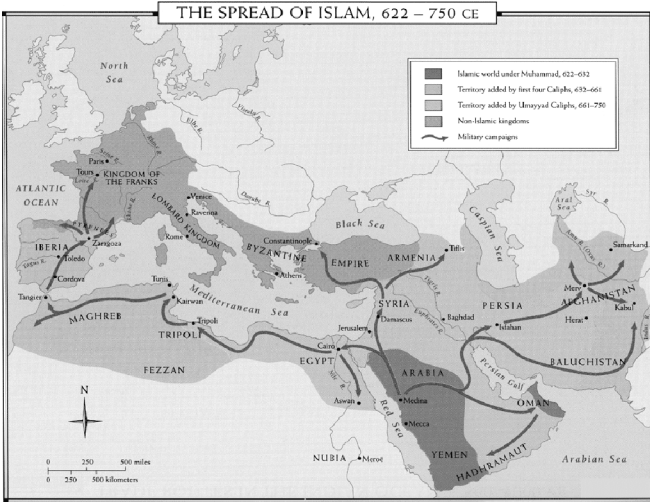


7.4 Expansion of Islam: Conqueror or Trader?

Islamic Conqueror:



This map shows the movement of Islamic soldiers from the Arabian Peninsula out towards North Africa, Spain, and Persia. Soldiers would usually surround cities to take over using siege tactics. In some cases, people were happy to see Muslim conquerors come to give stability and peace to their regions. Islamic rulers would even keep synagogues and churches for worship and not destroy them to build mosques. Not only did they spread out for power, but they also wanted to share their new religion with the world.



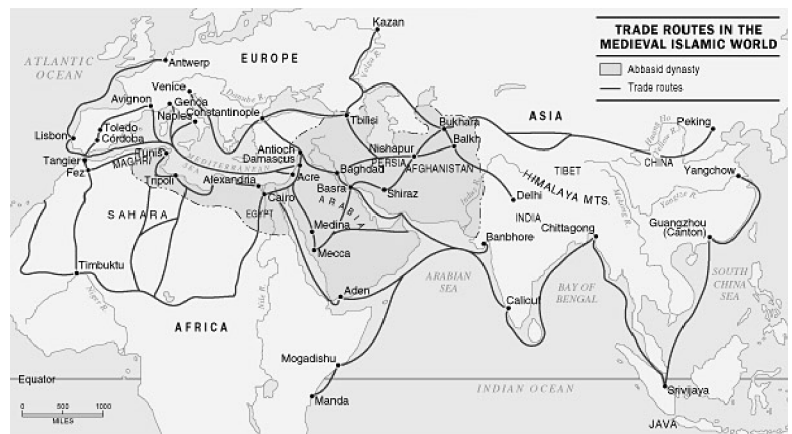
Islamic Trader:

This map shows the trade routes of the Islamic World. The Arabian Peninsula, North Africa, Europe, Persia, and even China were linked together by a network of trade.

Merchants and traders would travel huge distances across deserts, mountains, and oceans to find goods to buy and sell. These goods included gold, salt, silk, spices, cloth, incense, and metal work.



Due to language barriers between different areas, Islamic coins would have both Arabic and Latin written across them.



Now that you know some background information on the two ways that Muslims moved and spread across the world, choose a character (write conqueror or trader in the space provided):

As your chosen character, write a **ONE PAGE** narrative/story that describes your journey. You must include the following items in your narrative/story:

- The weather/climate (check your map)
- Your clothing (see images in the descriptions)
- The goals of your journey (make money? take land?)
- Type of people you meet (Romans? Persians? Africans? Spanish? Chinese?)
- What will you share from your culture? (religion? language? food? clothing?)
- **MUST BE AT LEAST ONE PAGE LONG!**