

# Islam: Empire of Faith “The Awakening” Video Worksheet

**Background:** Within 200 years of its creation, the Islamic Empire stretched from Spain to the edge of India. While life in Europe slowed to a halt during the “Dark Ages”, culture and technology “flowered” in the Islamic Empire.

1. Describe the reasons why such a small Muslim army conquered new territory so quickly and easily.

2. What is the significance of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem?



4. What crisis emerged after Muhammad’s death? What were the different responses to his death?

5. What was the hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca)? What impact did it have on the Islamic empire?

6. What was significant about Baghdad and the House of Wisdom?

7. List the areas of advancement under the Islamic Empire: