

AP World History

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1. How did the Abbasids seize power from the Umayyads?
2. What happened at the battle of Talas River?
3. Why do you think the Abbasids turned to older Persian Imperial methods of government administration?
4. Where did they set up their new capital city?
5. Who were the *ulama*?
6. Who were the *qadis*?
7. Why do Bentley et al assert that the Abbasids reached their zenith under Harun al-Rashid?
8. Why did the Abbasids decline?
9. Though the Abbasids retained titular control of the Islamic world, who became the actual rulers?
10. What new innovative food and commercial crops spread through the Islamic world?
11. Why was urban growth a feature of the spread of Islam?
12. Briefly describe the role of camel caravans in overland trade of the Islamic world.
13. Briefly describe the role of ships and navigation technology in oversea trade of the Islamic world.
14. Describe the development of modern banking concepts in the Islamic business/financial sectors.
15. Why did Muslim merchants begin to pool their resources/risks on joint shipping and overland trade ventures?

16. Briefly describe some to the stunning achievements of Muslim Spain aka Al-Andalus.
17. In what ways did sharia law protect women?
18. In what ways did Islam create a patriarchal society?
19. Now did the ideas of veiling of women come about?
20. What was the role of the *madrasas*?
21. Who were the *Sufis*? What did they do?
22. Who was considered the most important *Sufi* mystic? Why?
23. What cultural role did the *hajj* serve?
24. What was the important output of Muslim cartographers?
25. What were some of the Persian influences on Islam?
26. What were some of the Indian influences on Islam?
27. What were some of the Greek influences on Islam?
28. How did the Muslim Cultural Tradition come about? Is it exclusively Arabic/Bedouin? Persian? Indian? Greek?