

The Rise and Spread of Islam

Islam was spread by merchants through extensive trade networks linking the major urban centers in Middle East, North Africa and Europe; it was also spread at the point of a sword by various Muslim leaders and empires. Interestingly, the Moors (a Muslim group from North Africa) spread into Spain for a different reason: they were actually asked by a Christian chief named Julian to come to Spain and help them against a cruel Visigoth leader named Roderick (711 CE). Some historians argue this story is fictitious and Muslims simply invaded Southern Europe to expand their empire.

<p>Slide 1: The Beginning</p> <p>Time period:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Founder:</p> <p>Holy Book:</p>	<p>Slide 2: Words to Know</p> <p>Islam:</p> <p>Muslim:</p> <p>Allah:</p> <p>Mosque:</p>	<p>Slide 3: Mohamed/Muhammad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • •
<p>Slide 4: Muslim Trade Routes Without consulting any source other than the Muslim Trade Route map, can you think of a reason why non-Muslim merchants might convert to Islam?</p>	<p>Slide 5: The Spread of Islam Following the death of Mohamed...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	<p>Slide 6: The Moors in Spain The term “Moor” literally means “Moroccan”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •