600-700: The Birth of Islam
How to narrow down your topic!

- topics like “World War II” or “religion” or “food” are too general and generic
  - people spend their WHOLE lives writing about this and you will not be able to do that in a 4-5 page paper
How to narrow down your topic!

● choose something very specific
  ○ a single battle in a war
  ○ trace one food item in a particular culture
  ○ choose one religion, one time period, one culture
  ○ or if you're comparing religions, choose one element to compare (NOT entire religions…)
Secondary Source Worksheet

1. find credible* secondary sources about your topic (minimum two)
2. at least one has to be from a physical book
3. fill out the worksheet for each source
   a. citation information at the top
   b. quotes and/or information in the body
   c. record the page number!!!

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Primary Source Worksheet

1. find credible* primary sources about your topic (minimum two)

2. fill out the worksheet for each source
   a. citation information at the top
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Credible Sources

● not wikipedia. just no.
● who is the author?
  ○ google them
● who is the publisher?
  ○ what is their agenda?
● copyright?
Foundation of Islam

- founded by the prophet **Muhammad** (last of the prophets)
  - merchant from the city of Mecca
  - 610 CE- he received the first communication from **Allah** (God)
  - began preaching by 613 CE
Foundation of Islam

- 622 CE - traveled to Medina (hirja or “the flight”)
  - Islam accepted and established an Islamic based government
Foundations of Islam

- followers of Islam called **Muslims** meaning “those who submitted”
- Muhammad returned to Mecca
  - turned the **Kaaba** (pagan sacred site) into a Islamic symbol
Foundations of Islam

- 632- death of Muhammad
  - most powerful man in Arabia
Religious Texts

- Qur’an (Koran)
  - Islamic religious text meaning “recitation”
  - the divine messages that Muhammad transcribed
- Hadith
  - foundation for Islamic law
Spread of Islam

- Four caliphs expanded the empire through conquest
  - *jihad (the struggle)* = external and internal efforts to be a good Muslim
  - war ONLY ONE option
Spread of Islam

- **Umayyad dynasty**
  - first Islamic ruling dynasty
  - conquered Spain, parts of India and China
- **661- moved capital to Damascus**
  - center of Muslim education, religion, and as a military stronghold
Spread Islam

- **Abbasid dynasty**
  - took over after Umayyad in the 740’s
  - capital at Baghdad

- “Golden Age”
  - House of Wisdom = scholars would translate writings from many different cultures → preservation
  - advances in math- QUADRATIC EQUATION!!!
Video on the Islamic Faith

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6dCxo7t_aE

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