

Chapter 7 - Abbasid Decline and the Spread of Islam

Answer each question, at the minimum one paragraph for each answer for full credit.

- 1) Compare the initial spread of Islam throughout the Mediterranean and the Middle East with the Islamic incursions into India and southeast Asia.**
- 2) Describe the political, cultural, and economic characteristics of the Abbasid Empire.**
- 3) Evaluate the weaknesses of the later Abbasid Empire.**
- 4) Describe the position of women in the Abbasid Empire.**
- 5) Describe the economy of the later Abbasid Empire.**
- 6) Trace theological developments within Islam during the Abbasid Empire.**
- 7) Trace the stages of Islamic incursion into India.**
- 8) To what extent were Muslims successful in converting Indians to Islam?**