

Chapter 13: The Expansive Realm of ISLAM Student Notes

The Founding of Islam

1. How was Muhammad influenced by Jews and Christians?
2. Describe the early years of Islam under Muhammad.
3. How did Islam affect women?

The Caliphates

4. What is legitimacy? From what sources does a person/government get legitimacy?
5. How did the Muslims solve the problem of Muhammad being the last prophet – and therefore the last legitimate ruler under Islam?
6. Why did Islam split into Sunni and Shia? What is the difference between these two?
7. How did the Umayyad Dynasty expand Islam?
8. How did Abu al-Abbas get power from the Umayyads?
9. How did the Abbasids expand Islam?
10. The Abbasids loved gathering knowledge from the people with whom they traded. What new technologies did they gather?

Dar al-Islam

11. What was dar al-Islam? What areas did it cover?
12. What dynasties/empires did dar al-Islam replace?