**Islam: Empire of Faith** **Part II: The Awakening**

1. How did the Hajj “set humanity in motion”?

2. Why was trade incredibly important in the Islamic world?

3. Throughout the video, describe how Baghdad was the “center of wealth” of the Islamic World.

4. Why were philosophers coming to Baghdad? What are the problems/issues Baghdad needed to address?

5. Describe the scholars/philosophers connection to ancient works. Why did they embrace Aristotle and Plato for example, when Christians didn’t?

6. How has the work of Baghdad scholars/philosophers contributed to our knowledge today? What’s their most important contribution?

7. Throughout the video describe the condition of Europe during this time.

8. How was knowledge shared throughout the Muslim world?

9. Describe Cordoba in southern Spain. How was it the most sophisticated metropolis in Europe during the Dark Ages?

10. How does the Great Mosque of Cordoba influence the rest of Europe?