

Expansion of Dar al-Islam

- Begun by Muhammad, founder of Islam
- Expansion by Conquest, then by conversion
- Baghdad was capital of Abbasid Dynasty and great trading city
- Close connection between state and religion through the caliphs
- Connection with Eastern Africa creates "Swahili" a mixture of Arabic and Bantu language, culture, people
- Developed trade throughout the "Indian Ocean World"- Arabic was the language of trade

Dar al-Islam

- an Arabic term that means the "house of Islam" and that refers to lands under Islamic rule

Dar al-Islam- Ibn Battuta

an explorer who traveled through Islamic lands from West and East Africa to Central Asia, to India to Southeast Asia to China

Dar al-Islam- Technology

- Great advances in mathematics, medicine, astronomy

Islam Influences West African Empires- Ghana, Mali, Songhay

- Connection with the Islamic world by trans-Saharan (desert) trade routes- kings convert to Islam
 - Gold slaves-for-salt and luxuries trade
 - Mali- greatest ruler was Mansa Musa- pilgrimage to Mecca
 - Timbuktu was great trading and intellectual center
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