

## Muhammad

- Muhammad - Last & Greatest of the Prophets
- The **Revelations** – delivered by the Angel Gabriel
- Begins preaching in Mecca
- The **Hijrah** (Hejra) migration to Yathrib (Medina – City of the Prophet)
- Muhammad returns to Mecca; declares a **Jihad** (Holy War)
- Destroys idols at **Ka'aba**

## Geography - Spread of Islam



- Begins on Arabian Peninsula
- Mecca – Holiest City
- Medina – “City of the Prophet”
- Jerusalem – 3<sup>rd</sup> Holiest City
- Rightly Guided Caliphs – spreads Islam to Persia & North Africa
- Umayyad Dynasty – capital Damascus – spreads to Spain & India
- **Battle of Tours** (732 CE) – stops expansion into Europe.
- Abbasid Dynasty – capital moves to Baghdad
- Mongols attack Baghdad (1258)

## Sunni-Shi'a Split

- Split occurs after the death of Ali – last of the Rightly Guided Caliphs
- Sunni & Shi'a (Shi'ite)
- Sufis –Mystical Sect



	Sunni	Shi'a
Caliph?	Any Righteous Muslim	Descendant of Ali & Fatima
	Majority	Minority

## Beliefs & Traditions

- Monotheistic – 1 God – Allah
- 5 Pillars
  - Faith, **Hajj** (Pilgrimage), Prayer, Alms (Charity), Fasting
- Ramadan – Holy Month
- Qur'an (Koran) – Holy Book
- Acceptance of Judeo-Christian Prophets (Abraham, Moses, Jesus)
- *People of the Book* – Jews/Christians

## Islamic Civilization



## Contributions

- Architecture – Dome of the Rock: Minarets
- Mosaics - borrowed from Byzantine Empire
- Translation of Ancient Texts into Arabic
- Arabic Numerals (Adapted from India)
- *Al-Jabr* – Algebra
- Advances in Medicine
- Literature
  - *Thousand and One Nights*
  - *The Rubiyat* – Omar Khayyam
- Calligraphy
- Advances in Cartography (map making)
- Universities (House of Wisdom)

