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“The Moors in Europe”: Episode 1

Video Guide

Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper

1. When did the Muslims come to Spain?
2. What year did they take over?
3. What happened to the Muslims when Catholicism took over again?
4. When was the Alhambra palace built?
5. What is so ‘breathtaking’ about the palace? Why?
6. Why does the Alhambra feel so harmonious?
7. What is the key to the Alhambra’s design?
8. The people that built the Alhambra had an empire that was from China to _____.
9. Where is the city founded by Islam?
10. What important information about Islam do we learn?
11. What territories do they obtain?
12. Where do we see the unification of education and religion?
13. Mosques weren’t only for prayer, but also _____.
14. Muslims embraced learning, especially science and _____.
15. Why were the Arabs inheritors of Greek knowledge?
16. In 529ad, Justinian closed this school: _____.
17. What did the Muslims call the land they conquered?
18. Why were the cities they found in ‘crisis’?
19. How did culture and learning come to Al Andalus?
20. How did the landscape change in Al Andalus?
21. How was the city of Cordoba able to grow and flourish?
22. Where is the largest mosque in modern Islam?
23. Why was the Cordoba Mosque so large?
24. What lasting impact did the Muslim occupation have on Spain?
25. Which innovation changed Spain the most?
26. What instrument do they develop and how does this impact European discoveries?
27. What could the poor people of Spain do, which the poor people of Europe could not do.
28. What becomes the official capital of Al Andalus?
29. In 912ad, a new ruler comes to power. The new caliph builds this to show his power: _____.
30. What sounds do we hear in the new palace?
31. Where does ‘courtly love’ originate?
32. What important part of leadership does the king not pay attention to?
33. What happened to the palace?

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“The Moors in Europe”: Episode 2

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Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper

1. What happens to Cordoba after the 11th century?
2. How do we see the Crusades in Al Andalus?
3. Describe the extortion in Spain.
4. How is ‘La Reconquista’ portrayed?
5. Who is the Medina Sedonia family? Why are they significant?
6. What does the duchess discover about her ancestor? Why do you think she is surprised by this?
7. What have the Spanish done with history? Do you think this happens often?
8. Who is ‘El Cid’? What does his name mean?
9. La Reconquista is described as “not a holy war.” If not, what was it?
10. What happened when the Christians took over?
11. Why is Toledo, Spain considered a paradox?
12. What is so significant about the big book we see?
13. What are some English words which we get from Arabic?
14. Why are Arabic numbers useful in our everyday world?
15. Where did major universities in towns such as Paris, get their ideas from?
16. How does the host of the program suggest we should view the Renaissance?
17. What happened to the Arab intellectuals in the panels?
18. By 1250, which kingdom was still maintained as Muslim?
19. How did the kingdoms of Castille and Aragon unite?
20. How long were the Muslims in Europe?
21. What was the purpose of the Inquisition?
22. What happened to the ‘sinners’?
23. What was the “choice” during the Inquisition?
24. Where is the center of family life in the Muslim homes? Why do you think this happens?
25. Who was finally expelled in Spain in 1609?
26. Why did they feel they had to ‘expel’ them?
27. Where did the Muslims go?
28. Why do you think Ferdinand and Isabella were buried in a place associated with Islam?
29. When did General Francisco Franco take power?
30. What is important to know about him?