

Islamic Expansion

World Studies

Overview of Islamic expansion - 600

- **Muhammad** born in Mecca 570 CE
- Region was divided into many competing tribes
- From Mecca to Medina for protection
- After repeated fighting, Mecca's leaders accepted Islam
- Arabian Peninsula became the first **caliphate**
- After death of Muhammad **Abu Bakr** became first **caliph**
- Byzantine, Damascus and Egypt falls to the Muslims
- Islam expands into North Africa

Overview of Islamic expansion - 650

- Gain Persia
- Islam splits into Sunnis and Shiites
- Battle of the Camel: Civil war pitting Muslim against Muslim
- Invade Turkish territory

Overview of Islamic expansion - 700

- Farthest corners: Sind in India and Spain in the West
- From Spain to southern France
- Charles Martel of the Franks defeats the Arabs in the Battle of Tours

- In 100 years: 5,8 million square miles

Overview of Islamic expansion - 750

- New dynasty in Iraq
- Baghdad as their new capitol

