

Reteaching Activity

Reading Comprehension

A. Find the name or term in the second column that best matches the description in the first column. Then **write the letter** of your answer on the blank line.

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| _____ | 1. person elected as Muhammad's successor after Muhammad's death | a. "rightly guided" caliphs |
| _____ | 2. title that means "successor" | b. caliph |
| _____ | 3. rulers who used the Qur'an and Muhammad's actions to help them rule | c. Abu Bakr |
| _____ | 4. ruler whose highly disciplined army expanded the Muslim Empire by conquering Syria and lower Egypt | d. Umar |

B. Find the name or term in the second column that best matches the description in the first column. Then **write the letter** of your answer on the blank line.

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| _____ | 5. powerful family that took power and set up a hereditary dynasty in the Muslim Empire | e. Shiites |
| _____ | 6. city to which the Muslim capital was moved from Medina | f. Damascus |
| _____ | 7. Muslims who believed that the caliph should always be a relative of Muhammad | g. Sunnis |
| _____ | 8. Muslims who were followers of the Sunnah, or Muhammad's example | h. Umayyads |

RETEACHING ACTIVITY CONTINUED

- C.** The following questions are about the spread of the Muslim Empire. Choose the word from the bank below that best fits in each blank space. Write that word on the blank line. One answer is done for you.

Byzantine Umayyads Islam persecuting
Persian Sunnis Prophet

- 9.** There were several reasons the Muslim Empire spread. For one, Muslims were very eager to fight to spread **(a)** Islam , so their armies were very strong. Also, the two empires north of Arabia, **(b)** _____ and **(c)** _____ , had been weakened by constant fighting, so they were not a strong match for the Muslim armies. Both the Byzantine and Persians had made a practice of **(d)** _____ , or treating unfairly, peoples they conquered, so those people often welcomed the Muslim armies to free them from unfair rule.
- 10.** The Muslim Empire split into Shiites and Sunnis because of disagreements about the caliphs. The **(a)** _____ had taken control, and had begun to live in more luxury than the earlier caliphs had. Some Muslims, who became known as **(b)** _____ , continued to support the Umayyads and accepted the rule of elected caliphs. Muslims who went against the Umayyads and believed the caliph should always be related to the Prophet (Mohammed) were called **(c)** _____ . This split in the Muslim faith would cause the rule of the Umayyad caliphs to fall apart.