**Standard 4.3 Formative Assessment:**

**How did Islam become a Major World Religion?**

**Directions:** Using what you learned during the lesson, analyze the following answer to the inquiry question, “How did Islam become a major World religion?” Follow these steps to complete the analysis:

* STEP ONE
	+ Complete the First Read by reading through the entire document to get an idea of the complete response.
* STEP TWO
	+ As you complete the Second Read, carefully consider each sentence and and how it contributes to answering the inquiry question. Decide which of the following should be done with each sentence.
		- **CIRCLE** the sentence in this answer that is the BEST sentence to directly answer the inquiry question. (This will happen only once.)
		- Highlight in YELLOW any incorrect historical (factual) details ***and*** add an annotation (comment) providing information that would make the statement correct. (There are two of these.)
		- UNDERLINE evidence that supports the direct answer to the inquiry question. (There are seven of these sentences.)
		- Add *at least one piece* of information in RED where you think you can provide details to the evidence.
		- Leave the sentence as is if it is a true statement but does not provide evidence that directly answers the inquiry. (There are two of these)

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| Islam is a religion that began on the Arabian Peninsula around 610 CE. It began with the Prophet Muhammed and rapidly spread throughout Europe over the course of only a few decades. Islam spread and became a major religion as the result of many factors including conquests, advanced ideas in art and education, and religious teachings. First, it was a political event in the sense that Muslims were conquering new territories and building an empire. What may have contributed to this military expansion was a desire for expanded trading networks and added influence in the region. Muslim traders introduced Islam to new areas. There is another way to explain the expansion of Islam. The spread of Islam can also be viewed as a religious event. Prior to the development of Islam, there was only one religion that existed on the Arabian Peninsula. Initially, Islam offered a way of controlling behavior and brought order to the region. People became united behind a common set of beliefs. Although many people in the conquered territories did not convert to Islam immediately, conditions were established that encouraged eventual conversion. |