**Student Reading: Study Questions**

**Directions:**  As you read each answer to the questions below, analyze the response and decide *which of the following actions should be taken with each sentence*.

* + - Highlight in YELLOW any incorrect historical (factual) details ***and*** add an annotation (comment) providing information that would make the statement correct.
    - UNDERLINE evidence that supports the direct answer to the question.
    - Add *at least one* piece of information in RED where you think you can provide additional details to the correct evidence that already exists.
    - Leave the sentence as is if it is a true statement but does not provide evidence that directly answers the question.

1. According to the map, by what year was the entire Arabian Peninsula under Muslim rule? By what year was Spain conquered?

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| The entire Arabian Peninsula was under Muslim control by 750 CE. Spain was conquered by 750 CE, also. |

2. Why didn’t many people in the conquered territories (like Egypt) quickly convert to Islam?

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| Although the people of Egypt were faced with converting to Islam or death, most Egyptians refused to convert. |

3. According to the passage, many non-Arabs gradually began to convert to Islam. What reason(s) might they have had for doing so?

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| Early policies did not allow non-Arabs to convert to Islam within the newly conquered territories. Over time, people began to adopt Islamic teaching and Arabic culture in order to avoid paying taxes required from non-Muslims. |

4. To which regions did Islam spread primarily through trade?

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| Islam spread to the areas of India and Southeast Asia. |

5. According to this reading, what are three reasons for the expansion of Islam?

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| The movement of non-Muslims out of the Arabian Peninsula into new territories allowed Islam to grow in the area. |
| Muslims enjoyed an elevated status over non-Muslims, convincing non-Muslims to convert. |
| An increase in trade by Muslims brought them into contact with other regions and help spread the ideas of Islam. |

**Provide your own answer to the next question.**

6. After a period of rapid growth, Islamic expansion had stalled by 750 CE. Make a hypothesis – what might be some reasons why the religion did not spread throughout the rest of Europe?

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