**II. Islam Expands**

1. Successors Spread Islam

* Similar to Christians, Muslims believe that it is their duty to spread their religion
* **632 –**
* **Abu-Bakr –**

B. Conquest Spreads Islam

* **Jihad –** 
  + “Striving” – Can sometimes be used to refer to an inner struggle to remain pure
* **634 –**
* **750 –**

1. Reasons for Success

* Muslims believed that their military victories proved that Allah was on their side
* Muslim army was well disciplined and had excellent commanders
* Persecuted people often accept Islam because it offered equality and hope in this world

D. Conquered Peoples

* Qur’an forbids forced conversion
* People conquered by Muslims were allowed to keep their religion
* “People of the Book” were to be treated with respect
* Nonbelievers were allowed to live in Muslim land if they paid religious tax – Only people taxed by Muslims

E. Split within Islam

* **Shi’a –**
* 13% **-** Of today’s Muslims
* **Sunni –**
* Caliph does not need to be related to Muhammad
* 85% **-** Of today’s Muslims

F. Muslims Conquer Spain

* **Moors –**
* **Battle of Tours –**
* Would control Spain for over 700 years
* **1492 –**