APWH – Reading Guide Era 3 - Period 3 – An Age of Accelerating Connections 600- 1450 Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 11 The Worlds of Islam - Afro-Eurasian Connections, 600–1500 Per:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Chapter Learning Targets & Key terms to know** |
| **● To examine the causes behind the spread of Islam** | **Andalus** |
| **● To explore the dynamism of the Islamic world as the most influential of the third-wave civilizations** | **dhimmis** |
| **● To consider the religious divisions within Islam and how they affected political development** | **hajj** |
| **● To consider Islam as a source of cultural encounters with Christian, African, and Hindu cultures** | **sharia** |
| **● To increase student awareness of the accomplishments of the Islamic world in the period 600–1500 C.E.** | **umma** |

1. Why was the location of Arabia important?
2. How does the core message of Islam compare with that of Judaism and Christianity?
3. Why did the message of the Quran challenge the tribal and clan structure of Arab society?
4. How was the umma different from the traditional tribes of Arab society?

**The Making of an Arab Empire**

1. Why were Arabs able to construct such a huge empire so quickly?
2. Why did the Battle of Talas River in 751 leave lasting consequences for Asia?
3. Why did Muslims recognize Jews, Christians, and Zoroastrians as “people of the book?”
4. What were the incentives for the conquered people to claim a Muslim identity?
5. What’s the difference between Shia and Sunni Islam?
6. Why did Umayyad rule provoke growing criticism and unrest?
7. What was the impact of the Abbasid rule after the overthrow of the Umayyad Dynasty?
8. Who were the Sufis?
9. How did the rise of Islam change the lives of women? Socially? Spiritually?

**Islam and Cultural Encounter: A Four-Way Comparison**

1. Identify some similarities and differences in the spread of Islam to India, Anatolia, West Africa, and Spain. (Hint: How did Islam spread and was it the dominant faith?)
2. In what ways was Anatolia so much more thoroughly Islamized than India?

**The World of Islam as a New Civilization**

1. Why was commerce in the Islamic world valued as a positive thing?
2. What ideas and technologies were diffused and exchanged as trade and commerce developed a “capitalist” economy that spanned the Old World?