

# BELL WORK

Study this map of Arabia. What features of Arabia gave Muslim merchants easy access to many parts of the world?



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# STANDARD & OBJECTIVE

- I can examine Muslim trade routes and explain how they affected trade and culture.

7.9 Describe the establishment of trade routes among Asia, Africa, and Europe and the roles of merchants in Arab society.

# TRADE ROUTE

## ***Trade Route:***

A trade route is a logistical network identified as a series of pathways and stoppages used for the commercial transport of cargo.

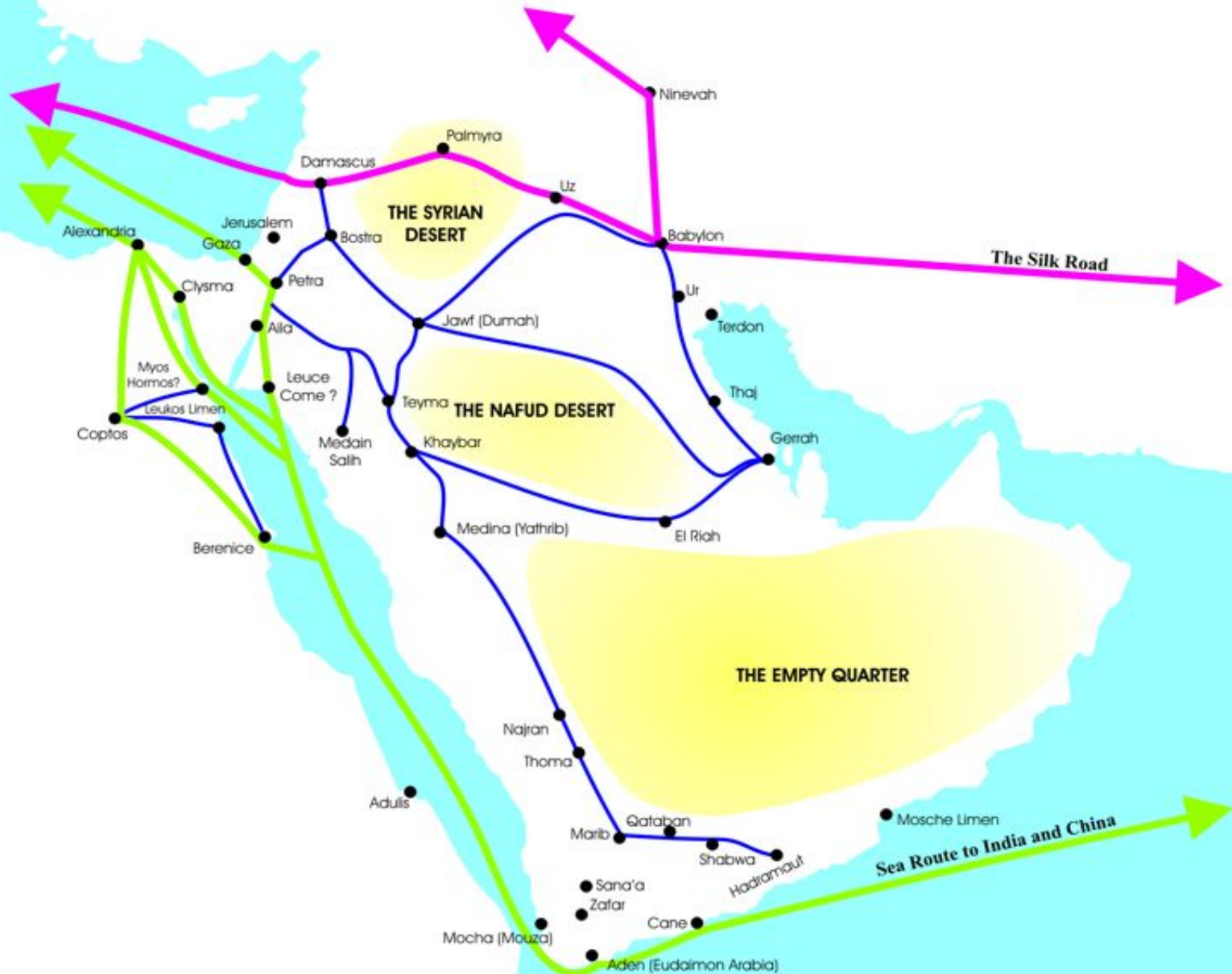
## **POD TALK:**

Write the definition in your own words.

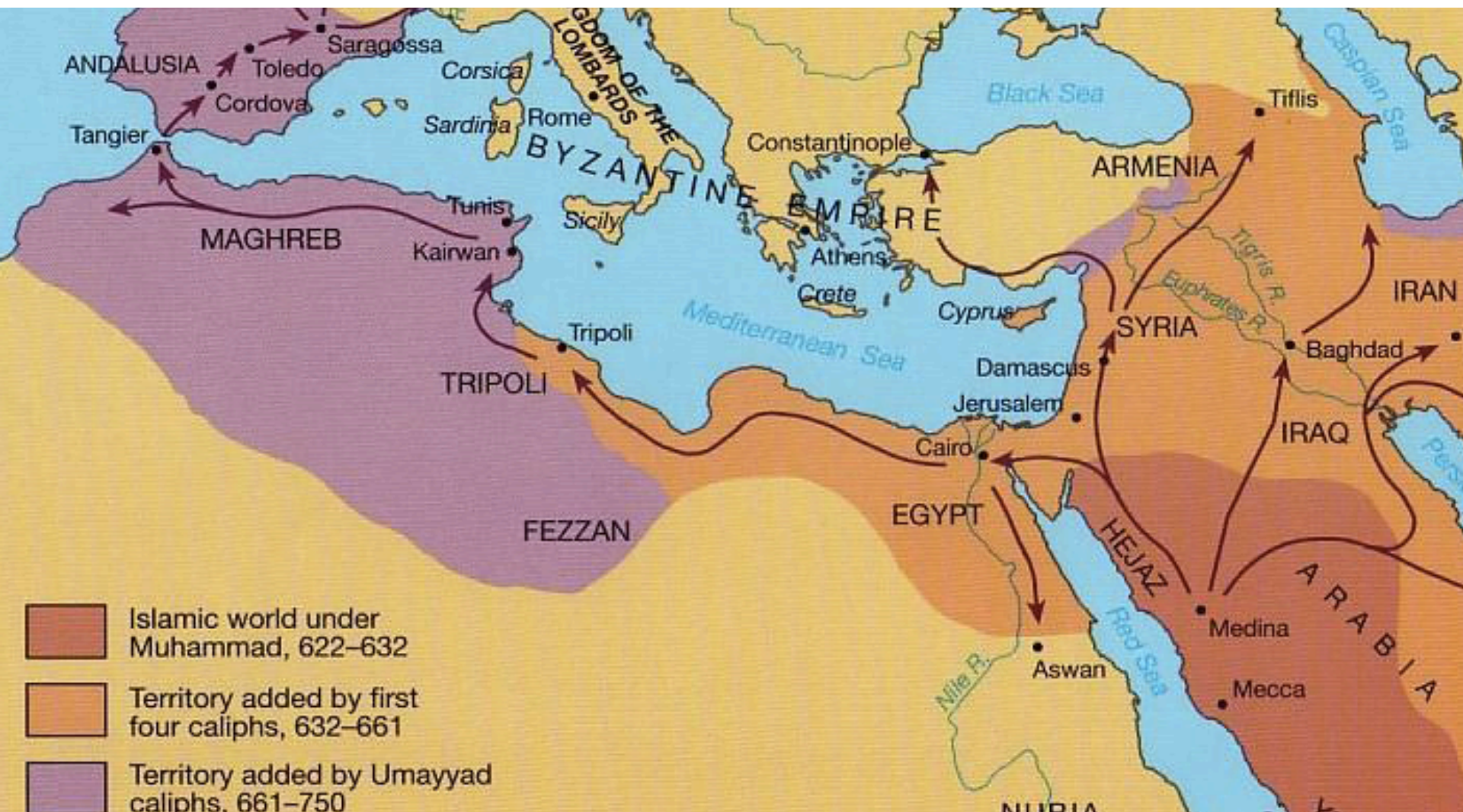
# PREDICT

- Based on what we know about Islamic faith and culture, why do you think trade was important?
- How could trade benefit a country or people?

# ISLAMIC TRADE ROUTES

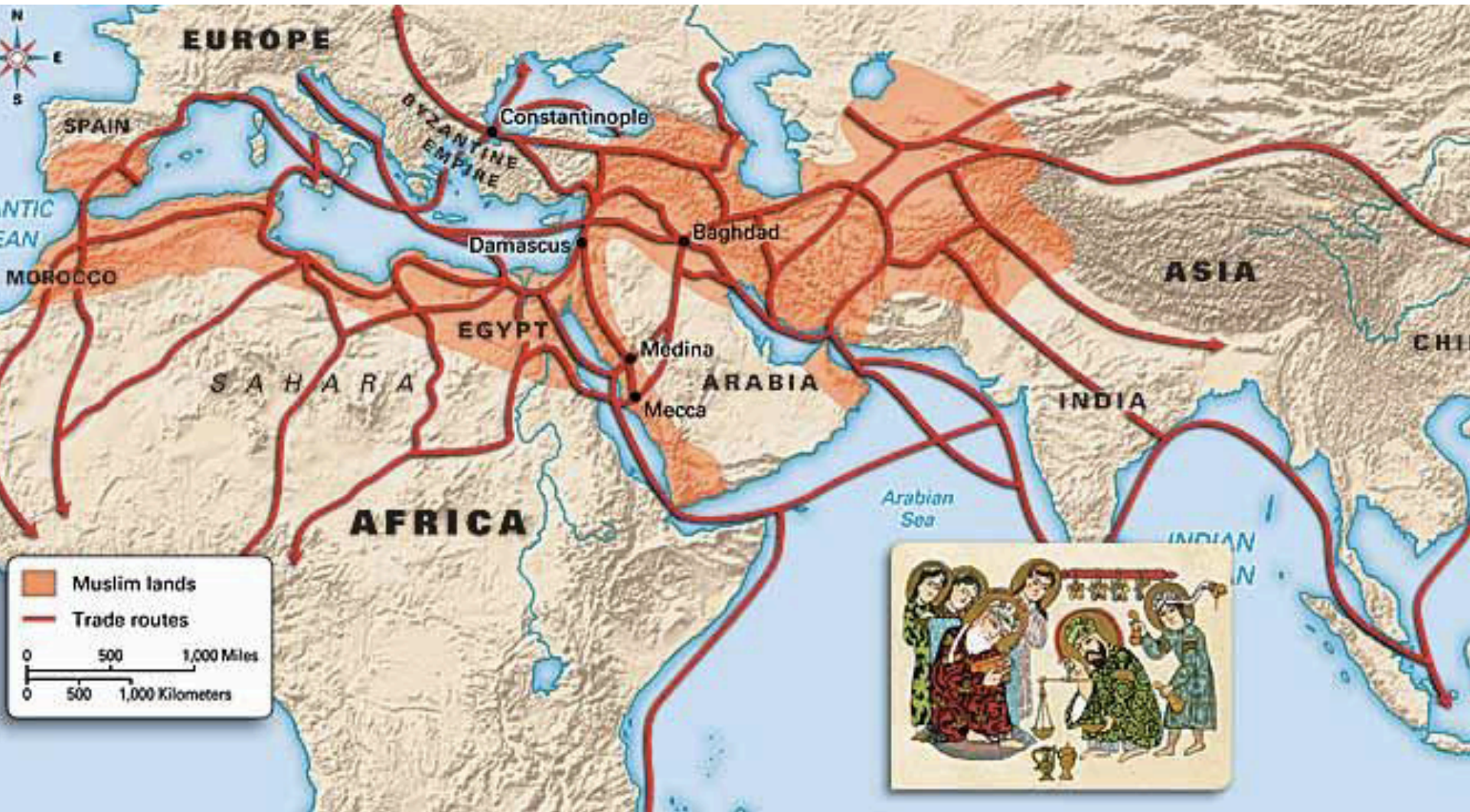


# THE SPREAD OF ISLAM



As the trade routes expanded, so did Islam.

# ISLAM AND TRADE



As the empire expanded so did the trade routes!



# CAUSE & EFFECT

International trade increased and maintained expansion of the empire. Materials for manufacturing purposes, luxuries, and food were in great demand and supply among the people. The flow of products taken in for sale at the lowest possible prices improved the revenue of merchants, bettered the speed of import, and advanced the influence of traders internationally.

**As a class, let's put this in our own words.**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE

Major countries such as India and China exported pepper, spices, valued stones, fine cloth, and ceramics to the Muslims, in exchange for coral ivory, and textiles. The Vikings and the Russians also traded luxurious furs, slaves, and wax in exchange for Muslim-produced textiles and metal goods. Besides these valuables, the Arabs were famous for also exporting items such as war armaments, refined sugar, and paper with merchants of Iranian, Turkish, Jewish, and African descent.

**Now that we have read, in what ways does trade help an empire, country, or group of people?**

# POD TALK

- What is a merchant?
- What role do you believe they had in the trading?

# READING &

# UNDERSTANDING

- Read the section entitled “Islamic Law” on page 361.

Answer this question:

- *What is the purpose of Islamic law and how would it benefit a merchant or trader?*

# LET'S DRAW THE TRADE ROTES!

