

## **AIM: The Coming of Islam to South Asia and Southeast Asia**

**Task:** Use the supplemental reading from the Stearns text to answer the following questions. Answer all questions fully in your textbook.

### **The Coming of Islam to South Asia** – pages 160-167

#### **I. The Coming of Islam to South Asia** (Intro section pages 160-162)

1. Compare – Contrast: Hinduism and Islam

#### **II. Indian Influences on Islamic Civilization** (page 163)

1. Carefully read this section and ADD any relevant material from the Stearns text to your graphic organizer.

#### **III. Political Divisions and the First Muslim Invaders** (pages 162-163)

1. Describe how Islam first arrived in South Asia and came into contact with Indian civilization.
2. Support with evidence the statement from your text, “In these early centuries the coming of Islam brought little change for most inhabitants of the Indian subcontinent.”

#### **IV. From Booty to Empire** (pages 163-164)

1. Carefully read but describe generally how Islam continued to spread to the Indian subcontinent in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **V. Patterns of Conversion** (pages 164-165)

1. Why does your text state that, “Few of these converts (meaning to Islam) were won forcibly.”?
2. What role did the Sufis play in converting people on the subcontinent?
3. Describe what kind of people, and from what groups, converts to Islam came from among Indians on the subcontinent.

#### **VI. Patterns of Accommodation** (page 165)

1. Your text states that, “Although Islam won many converts in certain areas and communities, it made little impression on the Hindu community as a whole.” Discuss why this was so? (Make sure to include examples of both sides, attitudes of Hindus, and attitudes of Muslims)

### **The Spread of Islam to Southeast Asia** – pages 167-170

1. Read “Trading Contacts and Conversion” and “Sufi Mystics and the Nature of Southeast Asian Islam” Outline the major points that reflect how Islam spread to this region of the world.