

QUESTIONS: Use your textbook, pages 360-364, the section entitled, **“The Formation of Hemispheric Trading Zones”** to fully answer the questions below in your notebook.

1. Why was the conquering of the Sasanid Empire important for the establishment of trade in the Muslim world?
2. What method of transportation would be key to overland travel? Why?
3. How did cultural diffusion play a large role in allowing Arab merchants to develop great volumes of maritime trade in and around the Indian Ocean?
4. Your text states that, “As a result of improved transportation, expanded banking services, and refined techniques of business organization, long-distance trade surged in the early Islamic World. Identify the key areas in which Muslim merchants engaged in trade the most important items traded.
5. How did the Muslim control of Spain (al-Andalus) illustrate the continuing tension within the Islamic world during the era of the Abbasids, and also the Abbasid era as a thriving Golden Age.

Use textbook pages 366-368, the sections entitled “Sufis” and “Sufi Missionaries” to complete the following two questions!

1. Identify ways in which Sufis practiced Islam even though they, “ ... did not find formal religious teaching to be especially meaningful, ...” or did not concern “ ... themselves with fine points of doctrine.”
2. What things did the Sufis do that made them, “ ... especially effective missionaries.”?