

9.3 The Arab Empire (pp. 292-299)

Section Outline: Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- Caliphs Govern the Empire
 - The Caliphs
 - Religious Tolerance
- Growth of the Muslim Empire
 - The Empire Expands
 - Baghdad, Muslim Capital
- Muslims Support New Ideas
 - Advances in Medicine
 - New Knowledge of Math
 - Scientific Advances
- Art and Literature
 - Muslim Literature

Reading Check Questions: Answer the following questions as you read the text.

1. What did Arab leaders accomplish in the years after Muhammad's death?
2. Why was Baghdad a good location for the capital of the caliphate?
3. Which fields of learning did the Muslim leaders support?
4. What kinds of literature did the Arabs enjoy?