**Unit 1: Rise and Decline of the Abbasid Caliphate**

**Background on Islam:**

* Founded in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Muhammad was a member of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clan called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Received the revelations from the angel Gabriel
	+ Considered by Muslims to the be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 622- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Muhammad and his followers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Eventually he wins over his clan
* Muslims begin to spread the religion via trade and conquest to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The Islamic world was ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (political and religious leader)
* Eventually the Umayyad were overthrown by a rival clan, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Early Abbasid Era:**

* Islam became a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religion
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rule
	+ Suppressed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who were seen as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Abbasid dynasty
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Islamic Empire
* Islamic Conversion & Mawali acceptance
	+ Integration of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ converts
	+ Most converted willingly

**Commercial Boom, Agrarian Expansion, and Social Standings:**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – sailing vessels
* Traded with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Government & private \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Ayan – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Artisans were poorly paid
* Slaves did labor and unskilled work

 **Late Abbasid Era:**

* Empire weakened 9-13th Centuries due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Third Abbasid caliph was al-Mahdi
	+ Couldn’t reconcile with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was not secure
	+ Eldest son was poisoned after succession
* Harun al-Rashid (5th Abbasid caliph) ascended the throne
	+ One of the most famous and enduring Abbasid caliphs
	+ Ruled during a time of flourishing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ discoveries

**Imperial Extravagance & Succession Disputes:**

A. Charlemagne & Harun al-Rashid shared a taste for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* *The Thousand and One Nights* (telling of the extravagance of the empire)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ advisors influenced Harun’s reign and caliphs there after – caliphs became “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ broke out after Harun’s death over succession

B. Al-Ma’mun won struggle for succession

* Sons took power after he died
* Recruited body guards of 4000 slaves – eventually became an army of 70,000+
* Mostly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speaking nomads from central Asia

C. Slave mercenaries murdered the caliph and took power of the throne

* More caliphs murdered over next decade
* Mercenaries major force in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Imperial Breakdown & Agrarian Disorder:**

* Constant civil unrest
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dwindled
* Caliphs built \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Tax burden on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ increases
* Agriculture suffers due to abandonment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , irrigation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, & flooding

**The Declining Position of Women in Family & Society:**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Must wear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Polygamy (this time for males)
* Slave concubines
	+ Not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Didn’t have to wear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Eunuchs
* Poor women could work, rich women could not
* Marriage started at age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Nomadic Incursions & the Eclipse of Caliphal Power:**

* Loss of territory
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Persia invaded Abbasid Empire and take control of Baghdad
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took over & controlled the caliphate
* Buyids defeated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1055
	+ Rid any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ influence
* Defeated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt

**Invasions and Impact of Christian Crusades:**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Western Europe wanted to capture Islamic territory that was part of biblical holy land
	+ Called for by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Crusades lasted for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ centuries
* Christians take Jerusalem in 1099
* Influence of Christians by Muslims due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ esp. the elite & pop culture
* Knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, returns to Europe
* 1258- Baghdad falls to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. End of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_