

ABC VOCABULARY ACTIVITY 11-2

Islamic Empires: Words to Know

Building Academic Vocabulary

Directions: Study the definition for the academic vocabulary below. Then complete the activity that follows.

successor, *noun*, a person who succeeds, or follows, someone else in an office or position

Directions: Fill in each blank below with the term or name that best completes the sentence. You will use the academic vocabulary word above and terms or names from the box below. Words may be used more than once.

Abbasid	Akbar	caliph	Moguls	Shiites
Sufis	Suleiman I	sultan	Sunnis	Umayyad

When Muhammad died, his followers chose his (1) _____. This person was called a (2) _____, which meant (3) _____ to the Messenger of God. The quarrel over who should succeed Muhammad split the Muslim world into two groups. The (4) _____ believed that Ali, Muhammad's son-in-law, should succeed him. They believed that the (5) _____ dynasty had no right to rule. The other group was the (6) _____. They accepted the (7) _____ dynasty. During this dynasty, Muslims spread Islam by preaching. A group called (8) _____ spent their time praying and teaching Islam.

The dynasty that came after the Umayyads was the (9) _____ dynasty. They ruled for 500 years. In A.D. 1055, the Seljuk Turks took Baghdad. The Seljuk ruler was called (10) _____. In the late 1200s, another group of Turks known as the Ottomans built a new empire. Like the Seljuks, the Ottomans called their leader a (11) _____. Their most famous leader was (12) _____ who ruled in the 1500s. Also during the 1500s the (13) _____ created another Muslim empire in India. Their greatest ruler was (14) _____.