Islam: Empire of Faith (Part 2)

Instructions: Answer the following questions in bullet point form notes. The questions below are listed in the order they appear in the film.

1. What is the Arabic word for conquest? What does this word literally mean?

2. Where did pilgrims from every corner of the Muslim world journey to? What is this called in Islam and what does it symbolize?

3. How did the annual Islamic pilgrimages help commerce and technology within the Islamic world?

4. How long did it take to travel from one end of the Islamic Empire to the other? What “fabled city of wealth” existed at the heart of the Islamic Empire?

5. Why did the Islamic Empire have a need for science?

6. What was the “House of Wisdom” in Baghdad? Where did the scholars that gathered there come from?

7. How were Muslim scientists different from Christian scientists? Where did they get their scientific knowledge from and what kinds of things did they contribute to the world?
8. What innovative theory of disease did Muslim physicians develop in the 8th century? How long were these techniques practiced by Muslim and European physicians?

9. What technology did Muslims adopt in AD 750 that began to be used around the world shortly after? What did this do to the quantity and availability of Muslim literature?

10. Where could Christians experience the lifestyle that most Muslims took for granted? Why was this and what was the Muslim capital in Europe?

11. Why would Christian observers be shocked and awed by what they could see at Cordoba?

12. How did Al-Hambra represent the pinnacle of Islamic culture in Europe? How was life in Granada for the Muslim elite different from the origins of Islam and life in surrounding Europe?

13. How did trade unite the Islamic Empire?

14. What product was the backbone of the Muslim economy? How did this industry promote other industries within the Muslim world?

15. How did Islamic scripture come to be represented in images of Mary?