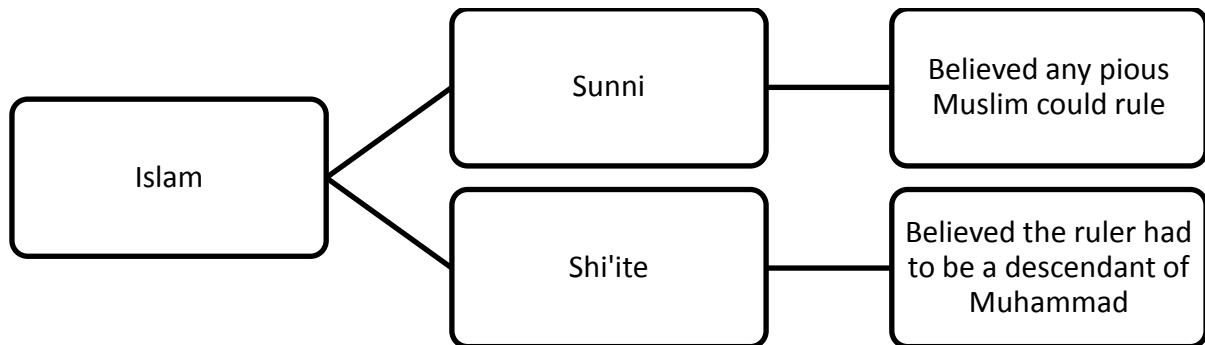


WHI.8c in a Nutshell**Historical Turning Point #1: Division of Islam**

This occurred because there was a dispute over **who should rule**.

This caused a division in Islam into two groups:



A third group also developed called **Sufi**, who were Muslim mystics.

Historical Turning Point #2: Battle of Tours

The Muslims living in Spain, called **Moors**, decided to cross the Pyrenees Mountains into **France**.

They were defeated by the French at the **Battle of Tours**. This was important because it stopped the spread of Islam into **Europe**.

Historical Turning Point #3: Conquest of Jerusalem and Damascus

This gave Muslims control of the **Arabian Peninsula** and would lead to later conflicts.

Historical Turning Point #4: Capital moved to Baghdad

The Abbasid Dynasty moved the capital of the Islamic empire to **Baghdad**. This gave the caliph greater access to **trade routes**, **trade goods**, **gold**, and **information** about the empire. The city became a center of **culture** and **information**. The university, **House of Wisdom**, is located there.

Historical Turning Point #5: Fall of Baghdad to Mongols

This event is important because it **ended** the Islamic Empire.