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THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE POSTCLASSICAL ERA

What “set the stage” for the Postclassical Period?

List 3 Invasions that hastened the end of the Classical Era

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What invasion dominated the Postclassical Era?

What civilizations collapsed at the end of this era?

One of the most striking developments in the postclassical period was the formation of more regular connections among major societies in Asia, Africa, and Europe. This world network focused on a series of trade routes. Major routes ran east-west, but a series of north-south routes linked in as well.

THE POSTCLASSICAL MILLENNIUM AND THE WORLD NETWORK

List the Four overarching developments that define the post-classical world.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

THE RISE OF ISLAM

Leading Civilization of the Postclassical Era= _____

Who spread Islam? _____

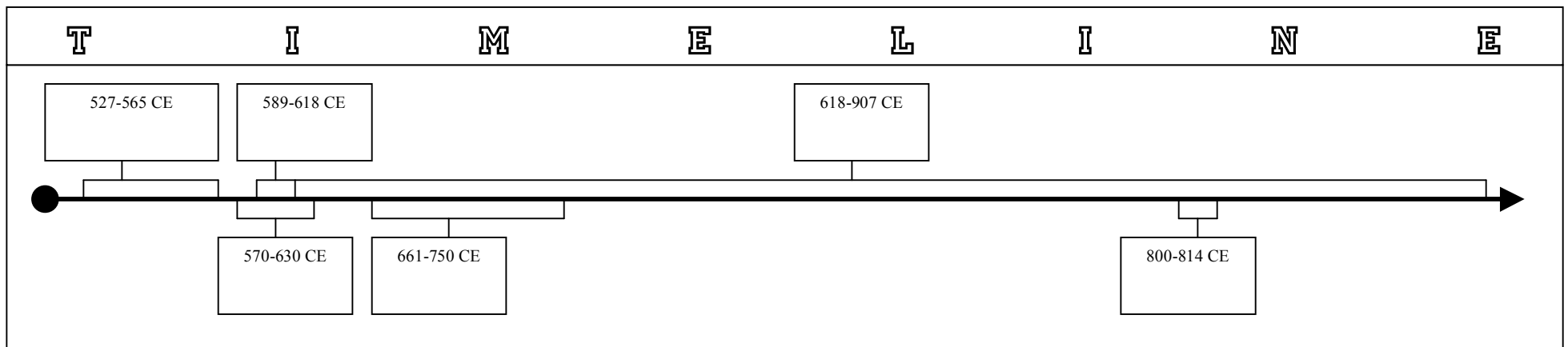
Where did Islam spread? _____

What was the “Definite World Leader”?

THE EXPANSION OF CIVILIZATION

List 5 Places to which Civilization spread.

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | |



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THE WORLD RELIGIONS

HINDUISM SPREAD TO _____
 BUDDHISM SPREAD TO _____
 ISLAM SPREAD TO _____
 CHRISTIANITY SPREAD TO _____

How did people's fundamental view of Christianity change from the Foundations era to the Postclassical era?

Why did so many people convert to a new religion?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

THE WORLD NETWORK

List some of the trading networks that developed?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Trace Paper from its origin to Europe.

_____ → _____ → _____

Trace Indian numbers from its origin to Europe.

_____ → _____ → _____

World Trade remained _____ products (for the most part)

What negative often spread with trade?

WORLD HISTORY THEMES

What was the main factor that affected environmental change?

The role of _____ in history peaked with the _____ Invasions.

EXCHANGE & IMITATION IN THE POSTCLASSICAL WORLD

What three ways show the importance of imitation in the Postclassical Era?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What are the newer civilizations?

