After the collapse of the Western Roman Empire, the power of the pope increased throughout medieval Europe.

**Big Question:** Within the religion of Islam, who is Muhammad?
Hagia Sophia, or Church of the Holy Wisdom, was built in the 500s CE in Constantinople as the main cathedral for the Eastern Empire.

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In 1054 CE, a split occurred in the Church in the Eastern and Western Empires.

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In 610 CE, Muhammad had his first vision of an angel speaking to him as God’s messenger.

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Big Question: What does Muhammad’s decision regarding the replacement of the holy stone reveal about his character?

In 622 CE, Muhammad and his followers escaped to Medina (the Hegira).
Between 632 CE and 750 CE, Islam spread to the borders of India and China in the east, through northern Africa, and into Spain.

Big Question: Why was the flight to Medina the start of a new period in the history of Islam?
750–1200 CE: Europeans became aware of Islamic knowledge, especially in medicine and mathematics.

**Big Question:** How did the Islamic Empire contribute to the development of Western knowledge and culture?
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Pope Urban II called on Christians to recapture the Holy Land during the First Crusade (1096–1099 CE).

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In 1187 CE, Saladin reclaimed Jerusalem.

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In 1453 CE, the Ottoman Turks captured Constantinople and renamed it Istanbul. They converted the church Hagia Sophia into a mosque.

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