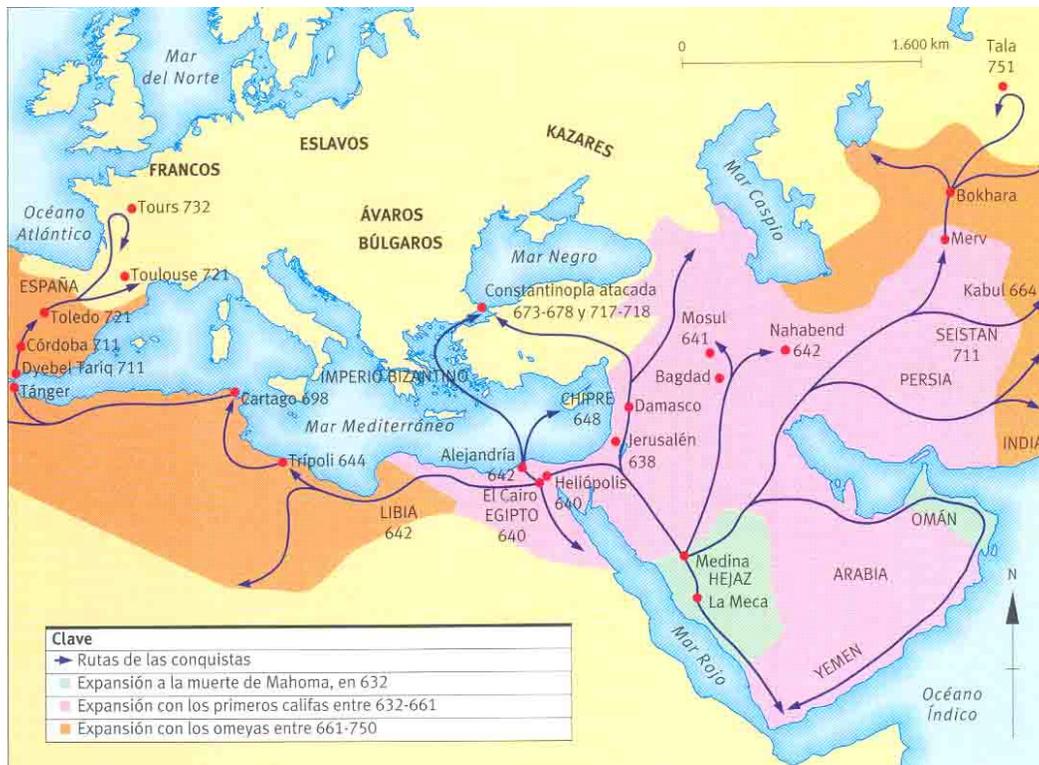


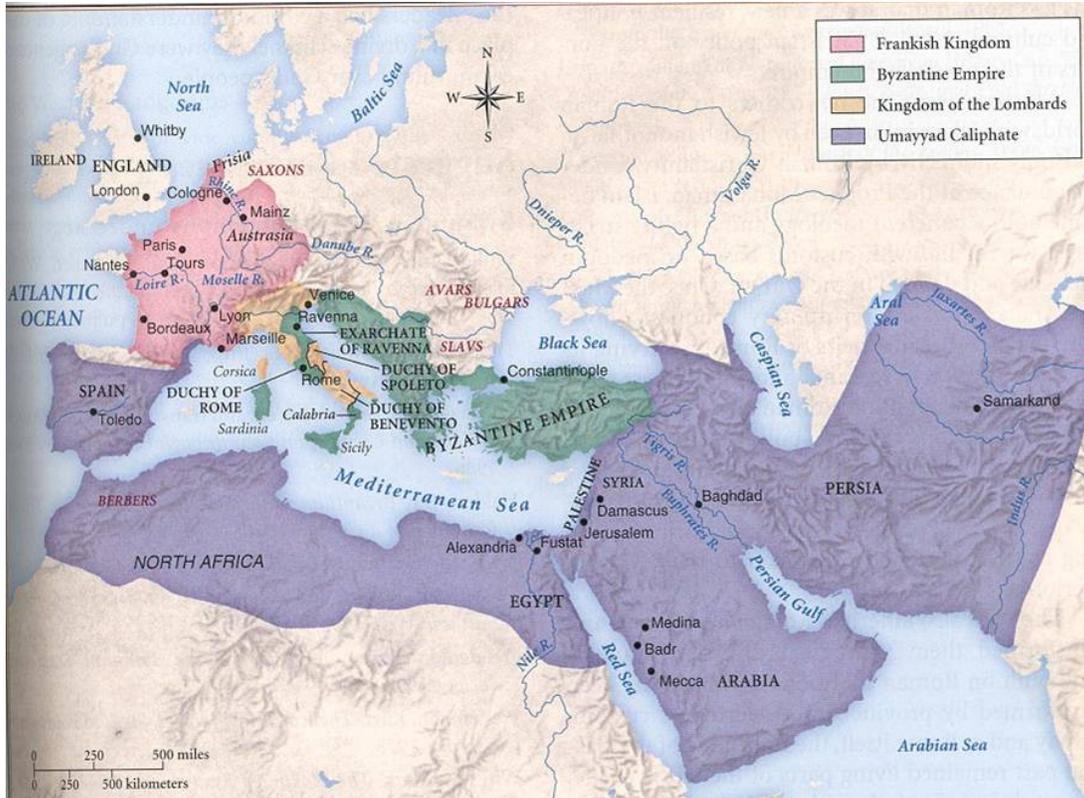
Historical maps 2: Islamic Expansion from 622 to 750

These maps illustrate the rapid expansion of the Islamic rule during the first 125 years following the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina in 622 (the starting point of the Islamic calendar). Although the wording for the first map is in Spanish, very little knowledge of that language is needed to see the timeline and pattern of expansion.



(Source: http://mapas.owje.com/maps/11225_the-great-islamic-conquests-632-750.html)

A different map showing the extent of the Islamic world (the Umayyad Caliphate) and some major Christian states of the 8th century appears on the next page.



(Source: <http://www.zonu.com/fullsize-en/2009-12-31-11546/The-Umayyad-Caliphate-661750.html>)

In the middle of the 8th century the empire split into two pieces; the main part became the Abbasid Caliphate centered in Baghdad, and the western part (mainly in Spain) became independent. Both of these states (and their successors) played important roles in the development of mathematics during the next few centuries.



(Source: <http://www.zonu.com/fullsize-en/2010-01-01-11553/The-Abbasid-Caliphate-7501258.html>)