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HOW DID GEOGRAPHY HELP THE SPREAD AND DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAM?

- * Islam was spread along trade routes from Mecca and Medina.
- * Islam spread great distances despite harsh environmental factors such as deserts and mountains.
- * Islam spread into the Fertile Crescent, Iran, and Central Asia. This was made possible by weak Byzantine and Persian Empires that could not stop Islam from spreading into their areas.
- * The Muslims were only unified for a short period of time. Within a few centuries, there were disputes over power and who should rule the Islamic Empire.
- * Islam was spread more quickly through the use of Arabic, the common language for Muslims. Since the Quran was written in Arabic, all Muslims had to learn the same language, allowing for a more rapid spread of the new religion.
- * Slavery throughout the Islamic Empire was NOT based on race.