1. In what ways did the civilization of Islam draw on other civilizations in the Afro-Eurasian world? And in what respects did it shape or transform those civilizations? **Page 364**
2. In what ways did the early history of Islam reflect its Arabian origins? **Page 366**
3. What did the Quran expect from those who followed its teachings? **Page 367**
4. How was Arabia transformed by the rise of Islam? **Page 369**
5. Why were Arabs able to construct such a huge empire so quickly? **Page 372**
6. What accounts for the widespread conversion to Islam? **Page 374**
7. What is the difference between Sunni and Shia Islam? **Page 375**
8. In what ways were Sufi Muslims critical of mainstream Islam? **Page 375**
9. Read the Zooming In on Pages 378-379 and answer the questions on **Page 379**:
10. How did the rise of Islam change the lives of women? **Pages 380-81**
11. What similarities and differences can you identify in the spread of Islam to India, Anatolia, West Africa, and Spain? **Pages 382-385**
12. In what ways was Anatolia changed by its incorporation into the Islamic world? **Page 385**
13. What features of Islam in West Africa made it unique in the Muslim World? **Page 386**
14. Read the Zooming in on Pages 390-391 and answer the questions on **Page 391**
15. What makes it possible to speak of the Islamic world as a distinct and coherent civilization? **Page 392**
16. In what ways was the world of Islam a “cosmopolitan civilization”? **Page 393**
17. Look at the Snapshot on **page 395** and answer the following: Which of these innovations/inventions did you find the most significant? Why?

**End of Chapter: Big Picture Questions**

1. How might you account for the immense religious and political/military success of Islam in its early centuries?
2. “Islam was simultaneously both a single world of shared meaning and interaction and a series of separate, distinct, and conflicting communities.” What evidence could you provide to support both sides of this argument?
3. What changes did Islamic expansion generate in those societies that encountered it, and how was Islam itself transformed by those encounters?

**Working with Evidence:**

Look at the visual sources from pages **399-407**, Choose one source and answer the questions about that source *(they have red squares).*