The  Umayyad Dynasty  (661 – 750 AD)

Mu’awiya Umayyad  (r. 661 – 680)  from the Quraysh tribe
- leader of the Sunnis
- moves capital of the Caliphate to Damascus
- death of Ali’s son, Hasan (670)

Yazid I  (r. 680 – 683)
- murder of Ali’s son, Hussain (680) on his way to Kufa
  > the Ashura Day of Mourning (for Shia)

Mu’awiya II  (r. 683 – 684)
Marwan  (r. 684 – 685)

Abd al-Malik  (r. 685 – 705)
- the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem / Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem
  - “Mohammed’s Night Journey”

Al-Walid I  (r. 705 – 715)
- invasion of the Iberian peninsula (711 > )
  - Tariq ibn Ziyad > Jabal-al-Tariq

Sulayman  (r. 715 – 717)
- siege of Constantinople (717 – 718)

Umar ibn Abd al-Aziz (r. 717 – 720)
Yazid II  (r. 720 – 724)
Hisham  (r. 724 – 743)
  - Battle of Tours / Battle of Poitiers (732) / Charles Martel

Al-Walid II  (r. 743 – 744)
Yazid III  (r. 744)
Marwan II  (r. 744 – 750)
Christian, Jewish and Persian (non-Muslim) subjects were called *dhimmi* subjects > “the protected ones” and they were obligated to pay a poll tax, the *jizya*.

Diwan / Divan = a council of advisors to the Caliph

Wazir / Vizier = the prime minister of the Caliph

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**The Abbasid Dynasty (750 – 1258 AD)**

The Abbasid family descended from Abbas, an uncle of Mohammed.

The Abu Muslim revolt (747 > )

Abu al-Abbas as-SAFFAH / the “Shedder of Blood” (r. 749 – 754)
- first Abbasid caliph
  - last Umayyad caliph (Marwan II) killed (750)
  - flight of surviving Umayyad prince to Spain

al-MANSUR (r. 754 – 775) / 2nd Abbasid caliph

- BAGDAD (near Babylon)
  - great Shia / Shi’ite center

HARUN al-RASHID (763 / r. 786 – 809) / 5th Abbasid caliph
- ZUBAIDA

- the BARMACIDE family (Barmaki)
  - Ja’far al-Barmaki and Abbasa

- Charlemagne
  - Byzantine Empress Irene

The height of Islamic civilization (800s to early 900s AD)
- great advances in mathematics, astronomy, medicine and the arts

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