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THE BIRTH OF SPAIN

1-Complete the sentences with the correct geographical location.

Ebro Cantábrico Mediterranean ~~Portugal~~ Pyrenees Tajo



- The Iberian Peninsula is made up of Spain and Portugal.
- The Iberian Peninsula is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.
- The Mar Cantábrico is on the northern coast of Spain.
- The Pyrenees is the mountain range on the Spanish and French border.
- The longest river in the Iberian Peninsula is the Ebro.
- The longest river in Spain is the Tajo.

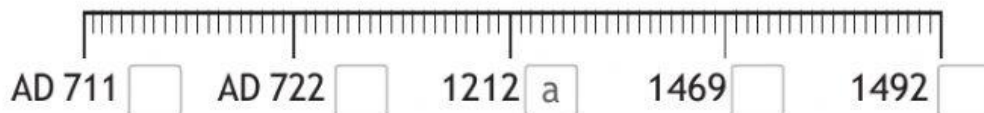
2-Tick the correct words.

- a) Hispania was the name the Romans / *Visigoths* gave to Spain.
- b) The Romans invited the *Vandals* / *Visigoths* to Spain.
- c) King Reccared I converted to *Catholicism* / *Islam* in AD 589.
- d) The capital of the Visigoth Kingdom was *Ávila* / *Toledo*.
- e) King Roderic lost the battle of Guadalete in AD 711 / 625.

3-Match the words to their definitions.

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| 1) Moors | <input type="text" value="c"/> | a) An independent state. |
| 2) Caliph | <input type="text"/> | b) A Muslim ruler. |
| 3) Caliphate | <input type="text"/> | c) The group of Muslim people from North Africa who ruled Spain from AD 711 to 1492. |
| 4) Advisor | <input type="text"/> | d) An Islamic state ruled by a single religious and political leader. |
| 5) Taifa | <input type="text"/> | e) Someone whose job is to give advice about a subject. |

4-Complete the timeline with the events.



- a) The Moors are defeated at the Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa.
- b) The Moors invade Spain.
- c) The Reconquista officially ends with the conquest of Granada.
- d) Fernando II de Aragón and Isabel I de Castilla marry.
- e) The Reconquista begins with the Battle of Covadonga.

5-Read and write *true* or *false*.

During the Middle Ages:

- a) The king or queen ruled the country.
- b) Peasants were very rich.
- c) Knights fought for the serfs in battles.
- d) The clergy were religious people.
- e) Monks lived in monasteries.

_____ true



6-Read and write the correct name.

El Cid Reccared Don Pelayo Boabdil Averroes

- a) Which famous Moor was an important Islamic philosopher? _____
- b) Which Visigoth king converted to Catholicism? _____
- c) Who won the Battle of Covadonga? _____
- d) What was the name of the Moorish king that surrendered Granada to the Christians? _____
- e) Who captured Valencia in 1094? _____