

UNIT 9: THE MIDDLE AGES ACTIVITIES

1.- Circle the correct answer. Then, write the sentence.

The Visigoths were... ➤ a. Muslims. b. a Germanic tribe.

The capital of the Visigoth kingdom was... ➤ a. Toledo. b. Cordoba.

2.- Match the people to the descriptions.

Prince Abd-ar-Rahman I

An emir who established the caliphate of Cordoba in 929.

Emir Abd-ar-Rahman III

A Moorish soldier who was responsible for many victories in Al-Andalus.

Recceswinth

A Visigoth king who tried to unify the kingdom.

Almanzor

He proclaimed himself an independent emir in 756, and Al-Andalus separated from Damascus.

3.- Look at the map of the Iberian Peninsula around 1200. Write the numbers next to the places.



- ☐ Almohads
- ☐ Kingdom of Castille
- ☐ Crown of Aragon
- ☐ Kingdom of Navarre
- ☐ Kingdom of Portugal
- ☐ Kingdom of Leon

4. Circle the correct option.

- a. The highest authority of the Muslims was the *king* / *caliph*.
- b. The religion of the Muslims was *Latin* / *Islam*.
- c. The Christians lived in the *COUNTRYSIDE* / *cities* in the north of the peninsula.
- d. The Muslims built *MOSQUES* / *CHURCHES* to practise their religion.
- e. The first Christian kingdom was in *Navarre* / *ASTURIAS*.
- f. After the year 1000, Al Andalus broke up into small *caliphs* / *taifas*.
- g. The Christian kingdoms *prospered* / *weakened*.
- h. The Catholic Monarch conquered *Córdoba* / *Granada* in 1492.

5.- Match the sentence halves about life in Al-Andalus.

The Moorish conquerors were

Christians who accepted the Muslim religion.

The Jews were

the most powerful people. They held government posts and owned the best land.

The Mozarabs were

Christians who continued to practise their religion.

The Muladi were

people who lived in districts separated from the other inhabitants.

6.- Write T (true) or F (false).

- ☐ The privileged people in the Christian kingdoms paid taxes.
- ☐ Noblemen lived in castles and were very rich.
- ☐ The clergy were non-privileged people.
- ☐ The monks and nuns lived in monasteries and the priests and bishops looked after churches.
- ☐ The non-privileged people were the peasants, craftsmen and merchants.
- ☐ The peasants lived inside castles.