1 THE BIRTH OF SPAIN

1-Complete the sentences with the correct geographical location.

Ebro Cantábrico Mediterranean ~~Portugal~~ Pyrenees Tajo

a) The Iberian Peninsula is made up of Spain and_____Portugal_____.

b) The Iberian Peninsula is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the

_____Sea.

c) The Mar_____is on the northern coast of Spain.

d) The_____is the mountain range on the Spanish and Frenchborder.

e) The longest river in the Iberian Peninsula is the_____.

f) The longest river in Spain is the_____.

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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*.

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3-Match the words to their definitions.

1) Moors [c]
2) Caliph [ ]
3) Caliphate [ ]
4) Advisor [ ]
5) Taifa [ ]

a) An independent state.
b) A Muslim ruler.
c) The group of Muslim people from North Africa who ruled Spain from AD 711 to 1492.
d) An Islamic state ruled by a single religious and political leader.
e) Someone whose job is to give advice about a subject.

4-Complete the timeline with the events.

AD 711 [ ] AD 722 [ ] 1212 [a] 1469 [ ] 1492 [ ]

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.

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

During the Middle Ages:

a) The king or queen ruled the country. ___true___

b) Peasants were very rich. _____

c) Knights fought for the serfs in battles. _____

d) The clergy were religious people. _____

e) Monks lived in monasteries. _____

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? _____

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