

1 Read the text on the Muslims rule, then do the activities.

### Islamic Spain (711-1492)

Islamic Spain was a multi-cultural mix of the people of three great monotheistic religions: Muslims, Christians, and Jews.

Although Christians and Jews lived under restrictions, for much of the time the three groups managed to get along together, and to some extent, to benefit from the presence of each other.

It brought a degree of civilisation to Europe that matched the heights of the Roman Empire and the Italian Renaissance.

#### **Outline**

In 711 Muslim forces invaded and in seven years conquered the Iberian Peninsula.

It became one of the great Muslim civilisations; reaching its summit with the Umayyad caliphate of Cordova in the tenth century.

Muslim rule declined after that and ended in 1492 when Granada was conquered.

The heartland of Muslim rule was Southern Spain or Andalusia.



Court of the lions in Granada.

**2 COMPLETE USING THE WORDS MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS AND JEWS**

- SAY THE NAME OF THE THREE RELIGIONS LIVING UNDER THE ISLAMIC  
PRESENCE IN THE IBERIAN PENINSULA \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ LIVED UNDER RESTRICTIONS, FOR MUCH OF THE TIME.
- IN 711 \_\_\_\_\_ FORCES INVADED THE IBERIAN PENINSULA.
- WHEN GRANADA WAS CONQUERED, \_\_\_\_\_ RULE DECLINED AFTER THAT  
AND ENDED IN 1492
- THE HEARTLAND OF \_\_\_\_\_ RULE WAS SOUTHERN SPAIN OR ANDALUSIA.

**3 JOIN:**

THE CALIPHATE OF CORDOBA

MUSLIMS REACH ITS SUMMIT

IN 711

THE RULE ENDED

IN 1492

THE RULE STARTED

MOSQUES

IN GRANADA

THE COURT OF THE LIONS IS

THE PLACE THEY PRAYED.