

# The Islamic World

## Goals & Objectives

At the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- How did geographical features like deserts and oases affect Arab and Islamic culture?
- How did Islam develop? How did it spread throughout the Middle East?
- What are the five pillars of Islam? What are the core teachings of the Quran?
- What is the Sunnah? How is it used in Islamic practice?
- Can you identify and compare the three Islamic Empires—the Ottoman, Safavid and Mughal Empires?
- What is the difference between Sunni and Shi'a Islam?
- Can you identify the major Islamic achievements in science, philosophy, math, medicine, literature, and the arts?