

6.2 The Arab Empire and Its Successors – Reading Check Questions (pp. 196-202)

1. Who was the first caliph to unify the Arabs and begin an expansionist movement?
2. What weakness in Arab rule led to revolts against the Umayyads?
3. What changes did the Abbasid rulers bring to the world of Islam?
4. How did the Seljuk Turks gradually replace the Abbasids?
5. Why did crusaders from Europe invade Southwest Asia?
6. How did the Mongols seize control of the Arab Empire in the early thirteenth century?