

## The Mughal Empire 17.2

**Essential Questions:**

1. Analyze and compare hemispheric interactions and cross-regional developments such as communication, trade, and cultural exchange, during an era of increasing regional power and religious expansion. (4.2)
2. Analyze the important regional developments and cultural changes in Asia. (5.3)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I can identify and explain the origins and expansion of Islam and the creating of the Islamic Empire including (4.2.1):  
     \_\_\_\_\_ The extent of the empire
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can analyze the spread of religions and encounters between religious groups including (4.1.2):  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Islam and Hinduism
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can analyze the development and importance of interregional trading systems within and between societies including (4.1.3):  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Water based routes across the Indian Ocean, Persian Gulf, Red and Mediterranean Seas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Using historical and modern maps, I can locate and describe the patterns of Mongol conquest and expansion, and explain the characteristics of the Pax Mongolia (4.2.2).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can analyze the global economic influence of India and the role of foreign influence in the political, religious, cultural, and economic transformations in India and South Asia including the Mughal Empire and the beginnings of European contact (5.3.3.)

Muslim Rule in India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gupta Empire collapse brought division and small kingdoms from 500-700 AD</li> <li>Arabs Muslims trade spices and settle amongst Hindus and Buddhists</li> <li>Around 700 AD Muslim raiders conquer Pakistan, 1000 AD Muslim invasion from Afghanistan</li> <li>By 1200- Northern India under Muslim control and formed governing body “Delhi sultanate”</li> <li>Practiced religious freedom, imposed taxes, but worked hard to spread Islam, bringing in scholars and artists</li> </ul>
A New Empire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delhi sultanate lasted until 1500 AD when Mughals or Mongols led by Babur “the tiger” invaded and took control, surprising the Indians with canons</li> <li>At age 13, Grandson Akbar “the Great” became the strongest ruler of all!</li> <li>Tried to win support by marrying local noble’s daughter</li> <li>Brought sons of nobility to his court</li> <li>Strong central government and military, with himself at the head</li> <li>Appointed officials to help out, 2/3 not Indian!</li> <li>Was a Muslim, but was tolerant believing no one answer to life’s questions, appointed some Hindus, encouraged religious debate</li> <li>United territory, spread trade, ended slavery, encouraged art and science</li> </ul>
Height of the Mughal Empire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Akbar’s son, Jahangir, continued tolerance and expansion of culture</li> <li>Introduced Persian culture, wife was Persian (obvi)</li> <li>Sikhism blended Islam and Hinduism, mix reincarnation with one God, do not practice yogas or pilgrimage, wear turbans, long hair and beards, social and gender equality</li> <li>Jahangir’s son, Shah Jahan, ruled during the Golden Age</li> <li>Taj Mahal combined Persian, Muslim, and Indian influences and served as a tomb for Shah Jahan’s wife</li> <li>Built new capital at Delhi with amazing Peacock throne</li> <li>Demanded high taxes and half of call crops grown to pay for lavish architecture</li> <li>Led to famine</li> <li>Led series of religious wars against Hindus and Christians in neighboring lands, ending religious tolerance</li> <li>Within India, persecuted non-Muslims, taxed them, ruined temples, denied roles in government</li> <li>Shan Jahan was sick and his two sons struggled for power, but father recovered. One of the brothers, Aurangzeb, threw Shan Jahan in prison, cut the head off of the other brother, and declared himself Emperor.</li> <li>Greatest expansion occurred during Aurangzeb’s reign</li> <li>Was a Sunni, brought about strict moral reforms</li> <li>Shea and Sufi protested and were crushed by elephants</li> <li>Rebellions brought about civil war, invasion lasted for 150 years until finally colonized by the British</li> </ul>

