Muslim Rule Expands Crossword Puzzle
Across
1. A city on the Tigris River that became the Abbasid capital in 762.
4. Muslim Spain.
5. The southwestern tip of Europe that forms the present day countries of Portugal and Spain.
7. A soldier paid to fight.
11. The ruler of Muslim Spain during whose reign Al Andalus reached the pinnacle of its power.

Down
2. A period during which a country and its culture are at their highest point.
3. The institutions, agencies, and departments that carry out the work of the government.
6. The art of fine handwriting.
8. An army that is ready not only in times of war but also in times of peace.
9. A group opposed to the ruling party.
10. A Persian born Muslim poet during the Abbasid period.
12. The Umayyad caliph who made Arabic the language of government for all Muslims.

Possible Answers:
Abd al Malik, Abd al Rahman III, Al Andalus, Baghdad, bureaucracy, calligraphy, Cordoba, faction, golden age, Iberian Peninsula, mercenary, Omar Khayyam, standing army