

# **UKS2 Topic: Early Islamic Civilisation**

## Block B: The Rise of Islamic Civilisation

### Session 4 Resource pack

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<p><b>Umar leads Muslims into new lands, conquering Syria, North Africa, Egypt, 'Persia' and the rest of the Middle East. In CE 644, Umar is stabbed by a Persian prisoner.</b></p>	<p><b>Umar names Ali, Uthman and four other men as his successor. The six of them decide between themselves who should take his place as caliph. Uthman is the victor.</b></p>	<p><b>Uthman continues to lead, but his soldiers are tired after years of wars. In an uprising in CE 656, Uthman is killed; Ali is named caliph, something his supporters believe should have happened much earlier.</b></p>

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