



History of the Kingdom of Morocco (BBC Documentary Questions)

Watch the following documentary and answer the questions.

The Kingdom of Morocco: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_S4vkN7PqEA

1. Who were the Almoravids? Where did they come from?
2. What was the capital of the Almoravid dynasty (city name)?
3. Who was the first Almoravid leader?
4. Reflection questions (to be discussed or done in a written response):
 - A. Why is it important to learn about the Almoravid dynasty? How does it help us to understand Morocco today?
 - B. Halfway through the documentary, the speaker mentions that the death of ruler Ibn Tashfin led to a new era of Almoravid history - one of power and privilege. Why was this so significant? How do you think this shaped early Moroccan culture?
 - C. At the end of the documentary, the speaker focuses on early Moroccan Islamic architecture. Do you think architecture is important to culture? Search images of the former Almoravid capital today. How does early Moroccan architecture differ from some of its buildings now?