Islamic Empires

Directions: Reading for Accuracy Reading the section and completing the activity below will help you learn more about the spread of Islam and the expansion of its empires. Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write T or F in the blank, and if a statement is false, rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. After Muhammad died, a group of Muslim leaders chose his successor, called a caliph.  
2. The Rightly Guided Caliphs expanded their empire to include all of southwest Asia.  
3. The next group of caliphs, the Umayyad, ruled from Madinah.  
4. Muslims believed that anyone who died in battle for Islam would go to paradise.  
5. Arabs required all of the people that they conquered to practice Islam.  
6. When Muslims settled in Spain, they adopted the local religion and customs.  
7. The Sunnis believe that all caliphs should be descendants of Muhammad’s son-in-law, Ali.  
8. The Seljuks built a new capital, Baghdad, on the Tigris River.  
9. The Ottoman empire allowed non-Muslims to practice their own religion if they paid a special tax.  
10. The Mogul leader Akbar was very cruel and forced Hindus to become Muslims.