Lesson 4-2 Homework Questions, part 1

Answer the questions below.

The Abbasids claimed descent from al-Abbas, the uncle of the Prophet Muhammad. This relationship helped them gather support for their overthrow of the Umayyads. The Abbasids billed themselves as the true proponents of Islam, and once they assumed control, being Arab became less important in the Abbasid Empire than being a Muslim by birth or conversion.

1. Who were the Abbasids and why was this important to their assuming power?
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2. Fill in the chart detailing the ways the Abbasids held power. (Page 119)

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3. Why did the Abbasids move their capital to Baghdad? What was the city called? (Page 120)
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4. Why did Baghdad become a world-trading center? (Page 120)
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5. How was Baghdad transformed from desert to garden? (Page 120)
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6. Identify the ways that industry flourished in Baghdad? (Page 120)
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