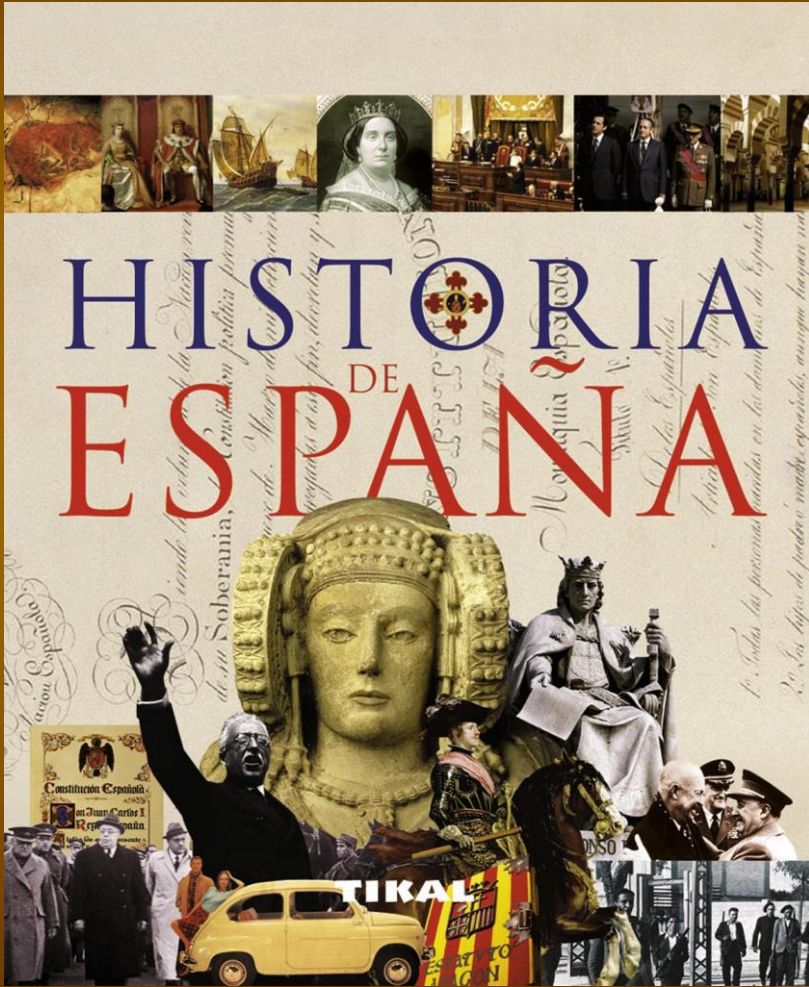


BRIEF HISTORY OF SPAIN



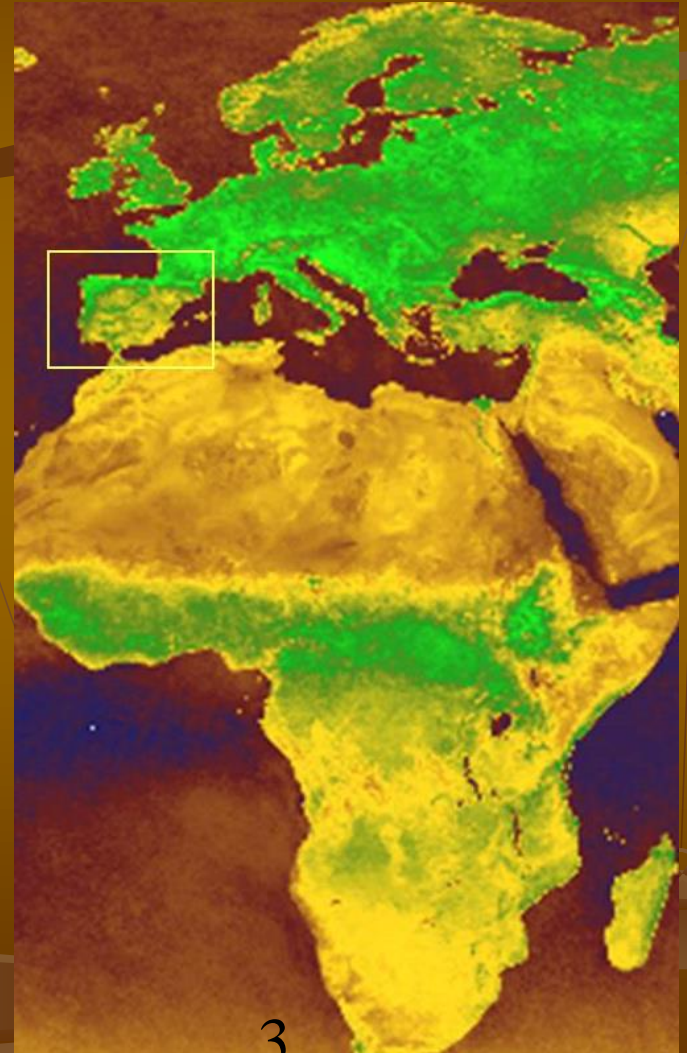
GEOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS

- THE PENINSULAR NATURE OF THE TERRITORY explains a history related to the sea, from which extensive influences arrived.



GEOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS

- BRIDGE THAT UNITES EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA, forming a link joining historical and cultural factors coming from the two continents.



PREHISTORY

(600.000 BC-circa 3.000 BC)

STONE AGE

Paleolithic and Neolithic

METAL AGE

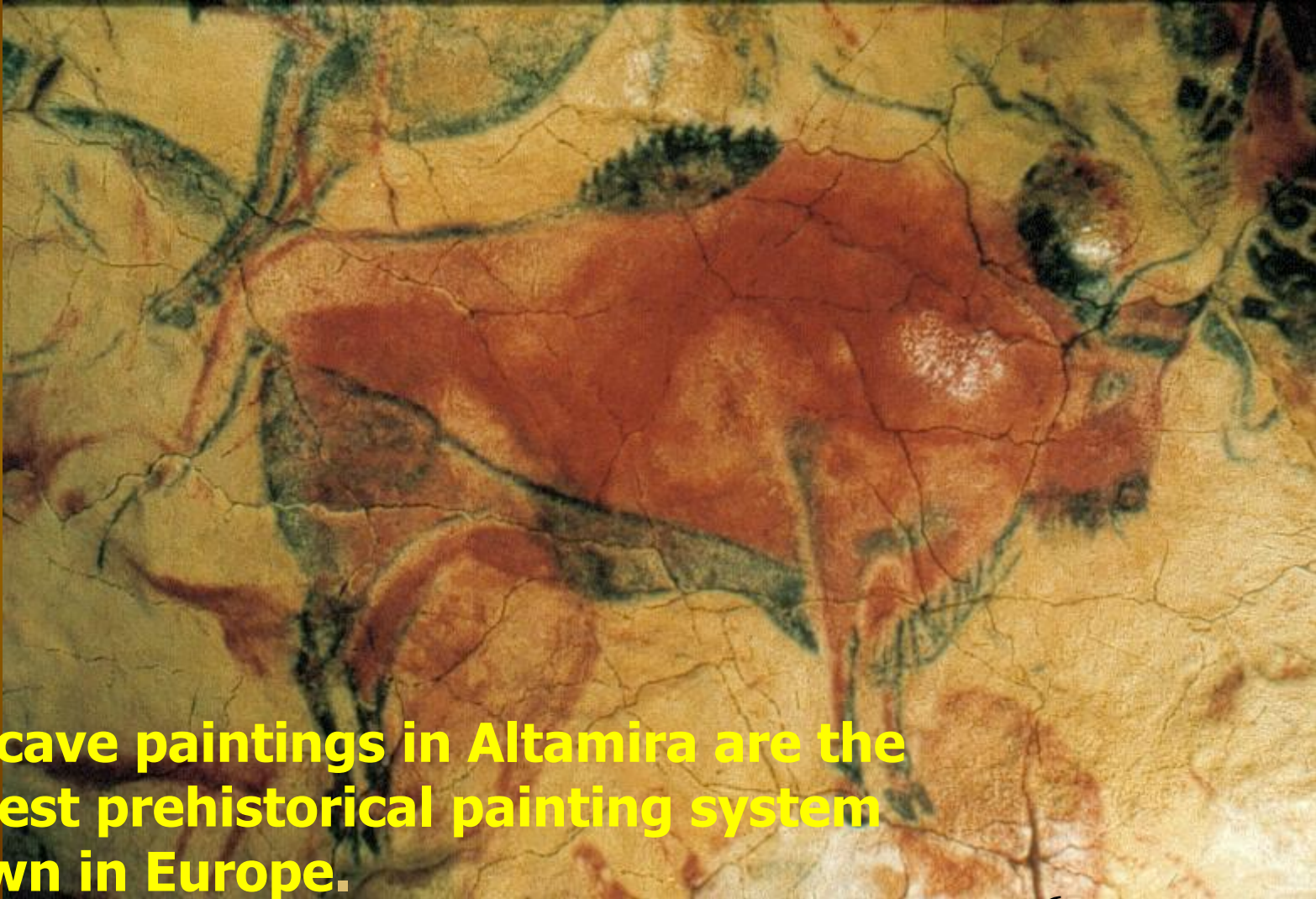
Copper, Bronze and Iron

FIRST INVASIONS: Celts, Phoenicians, Greeks and Carthaginians.

Paleolithic: we lived in caves, hunted and collected wild fruit.

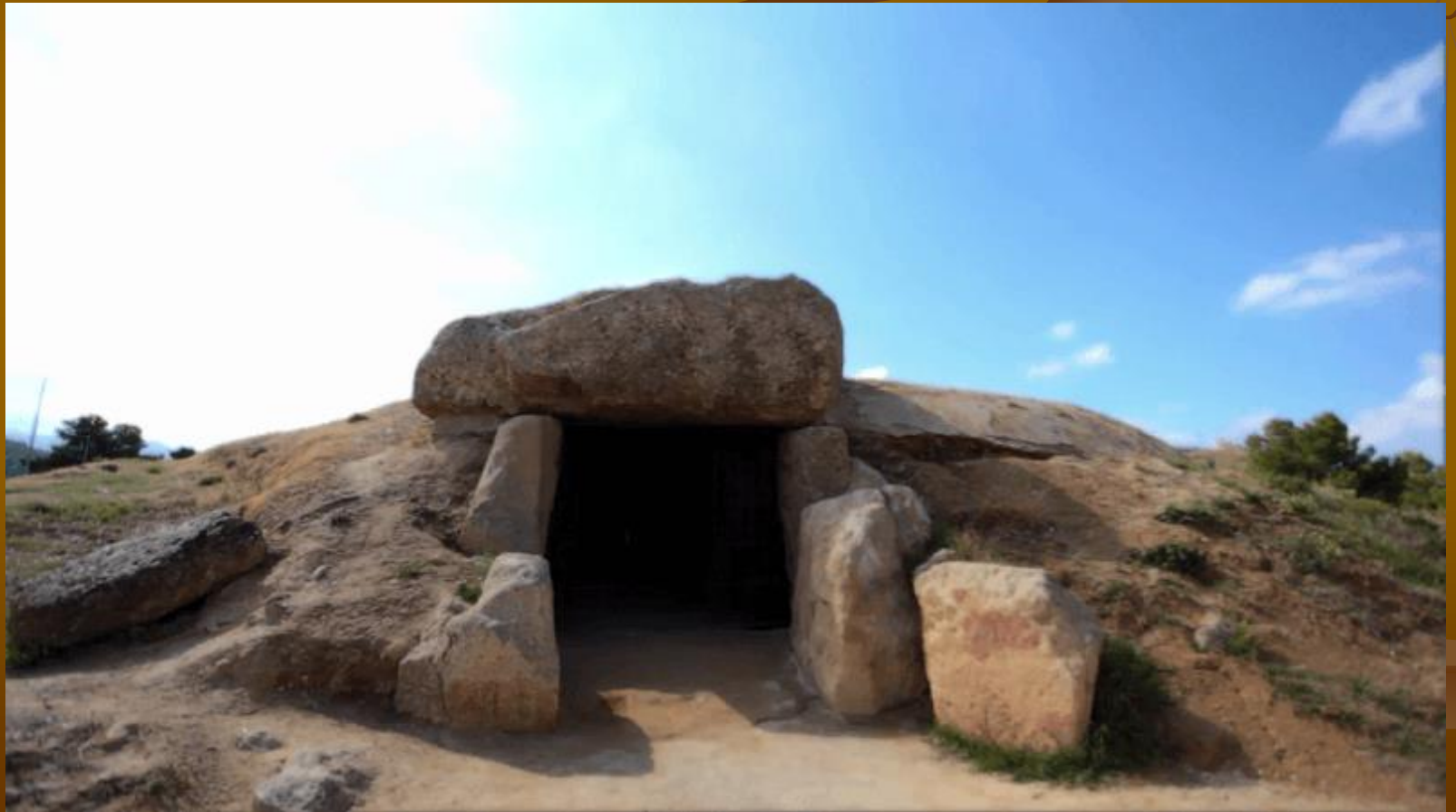


Paleolithic Cave painting : Cave of Altamira



The cave paintings in Altamira are the biggest prehistorical painting system known in Europe.

Metal Age: the beginning of architecture with large stone monuments called DOLMENS.



The first invasions:

THE CELTS

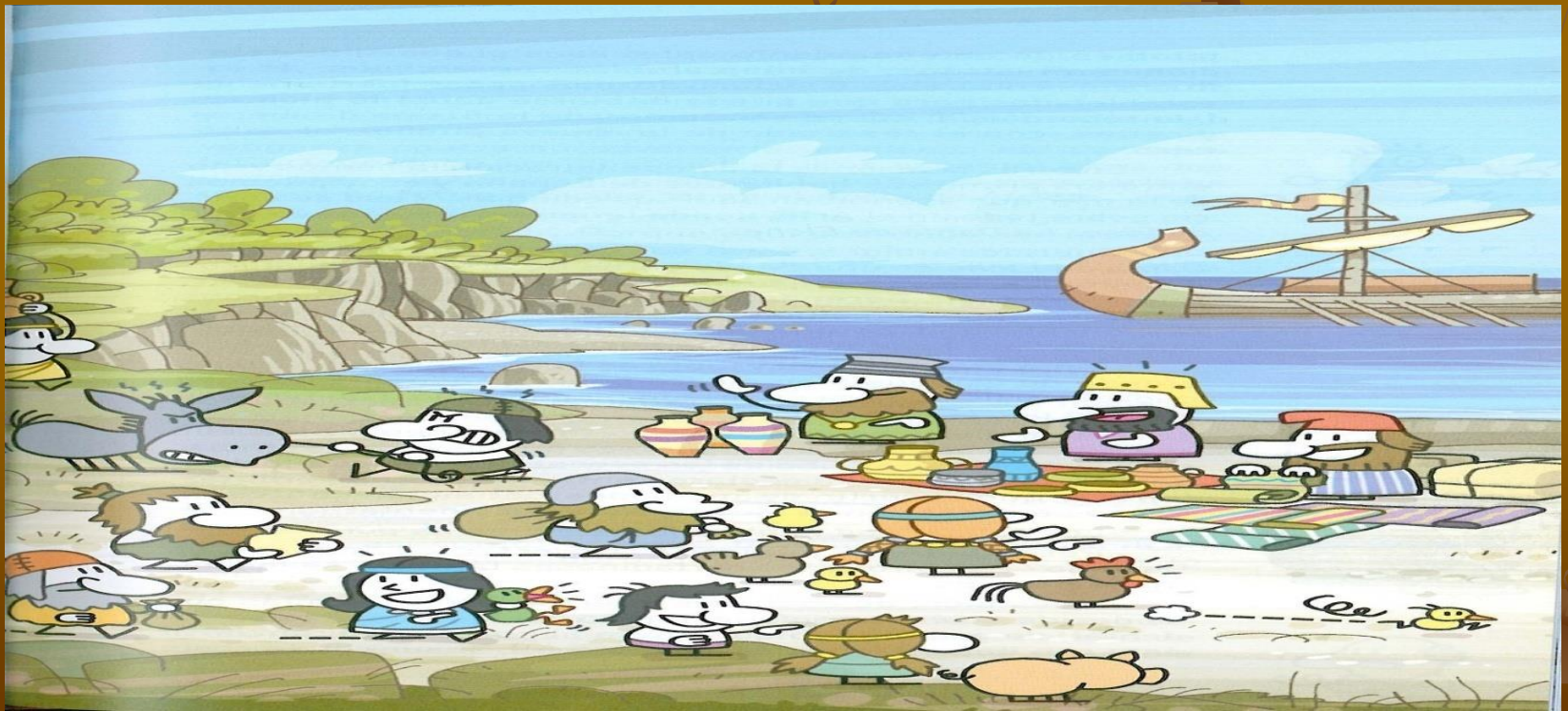
They arrived at the Iberian Peninsula in the first millenium before Christ and occupied the north.



IBERIANS

- Along with the Celts, the other ethnic group that lived in the Iberian Peninsula.
- The name of our Peninsula derives from these people.

Also during the first millenium before Christ, Phoenicians and Greeks, great travellers and traders, arrived from the other side of the Mediterranean.



And then the Romans came.



ROMAN HISPANIA

- The process of acquiring language, customs, culture and economy from Rome is called Romanization.
- This process means the unification of most European nations and peoples.

ROMAN ARCHITECTURE



MÉRIDA THEATRE

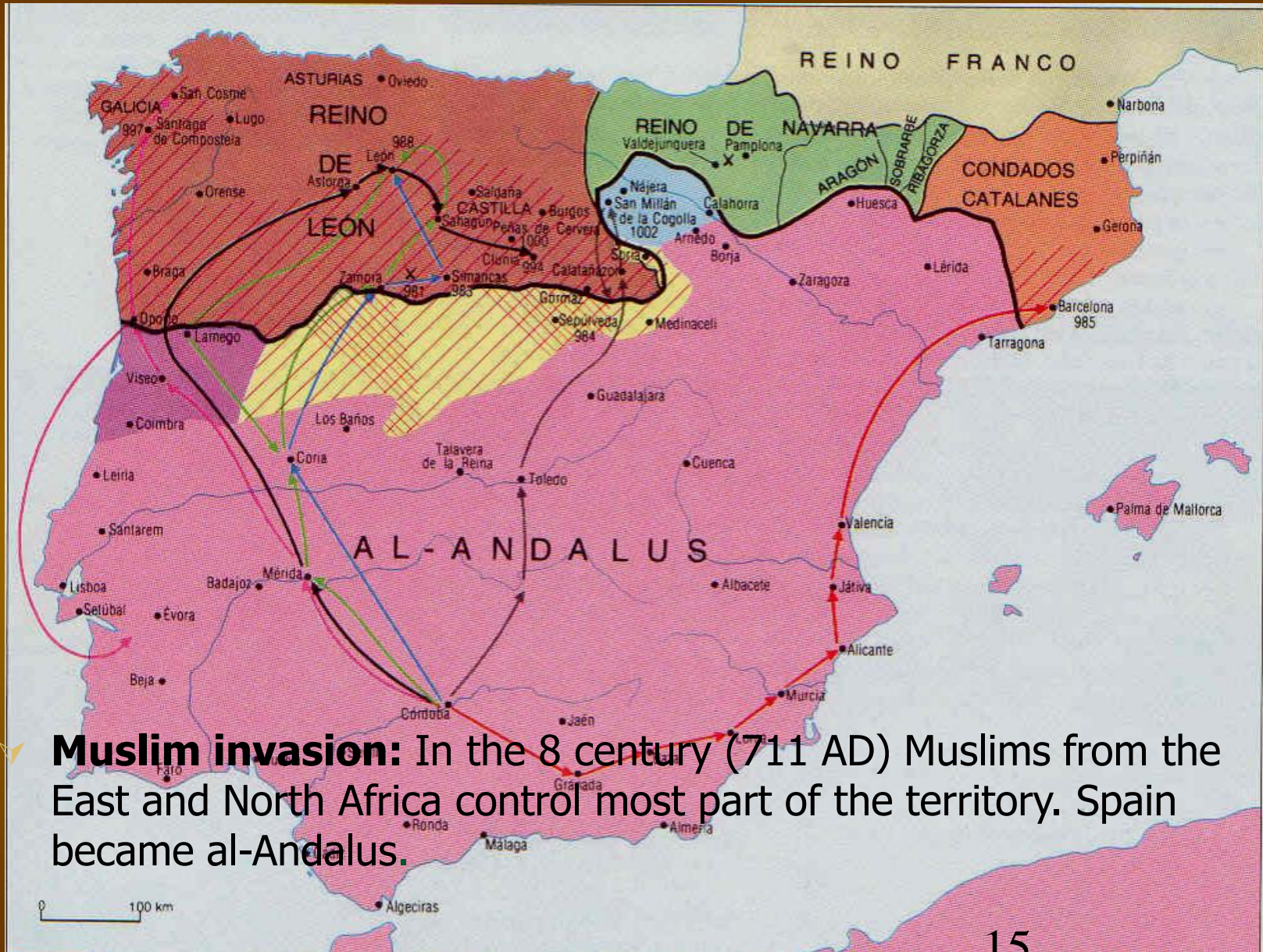


MIDDLE AGE SPAIN

- The history of medieval Spain begins with the Iberian kingdom of the Visigoths (507–711), who were Catholics



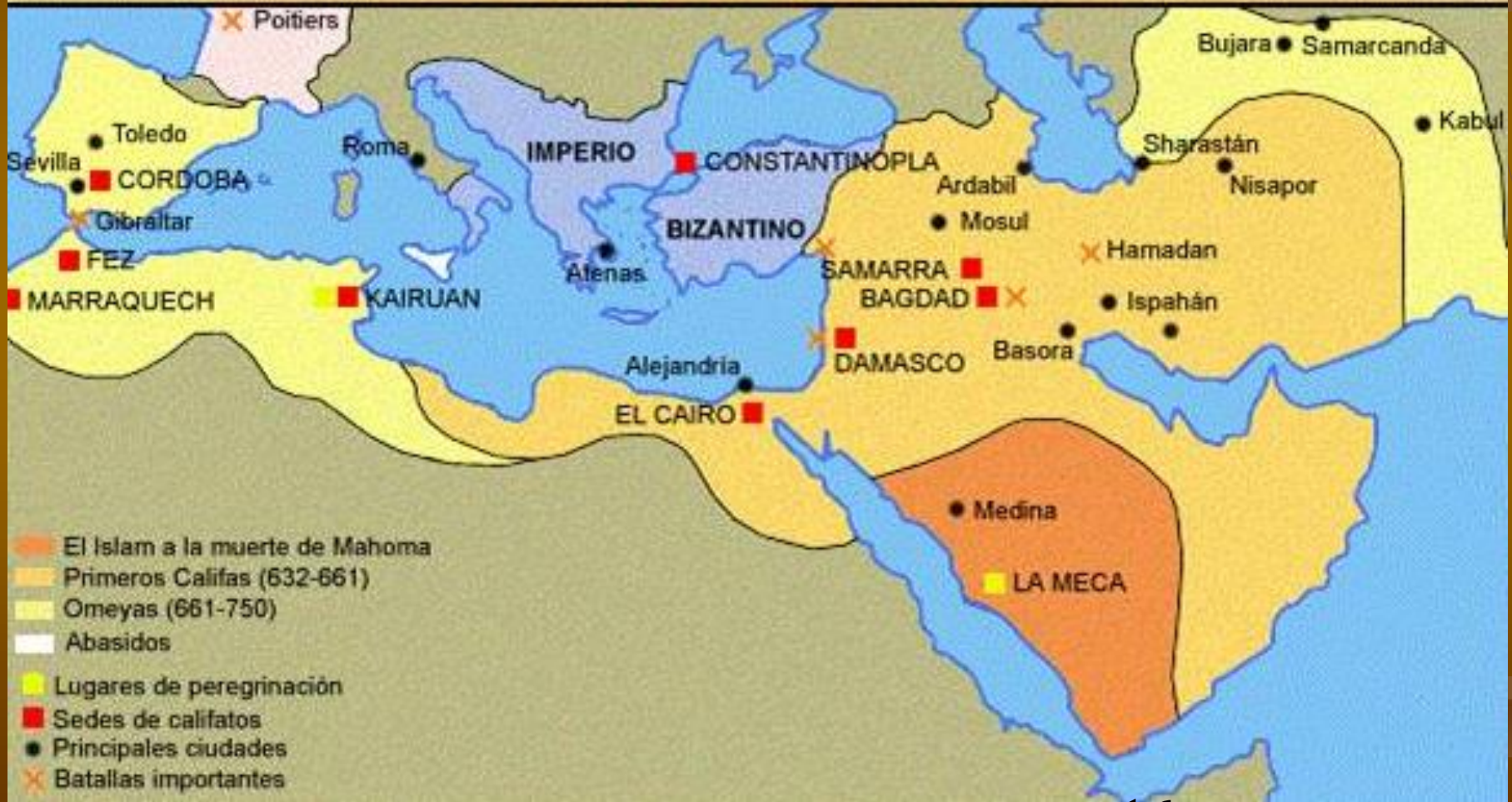
AL-ANDALUS: ISLAMIC SPAIN



➤ **Muslim invasion:** In the 8 century (711 AD) Muslims from the East and North Africa control most part of the territory. Spain became al-Andalus.

MAP OF THE LAND UNDER ISLAMIC CONTROL

Las conquistas del Islam



CÓRDOBA MOSQUE



ISLAMIC
ART

ISLAMIC ART:
NAZARI DYNASTY



THE
ALHAMBRA OF
GRANADA

The conquest refers to the historical period in the Iberian Peninsula which goes from 718 to 1492 and which is characterized by the peaceful coexistence of Christians, Jews and Muslims within the country and the slow conquest of the land by Christian Kingdoms from the north.



The catholic kings ISABELLA AND FERDINANDO: a dynastic alliance



- Isabella and Ferdinand culminated the Christian Conquest.
- The territory became one single nation: Spain was born.
- Funded by the Spanish monarchy, Columbus ARRIVED IN América.

Spanish Habsburg monarchs

- This Austrian dynasty ruled Spain during the XVI and XVII centuries.
- Great monarchs such as Charles I and Philip II turned Spain into a world power.

VELÁZQUEZ LAS MENINAS

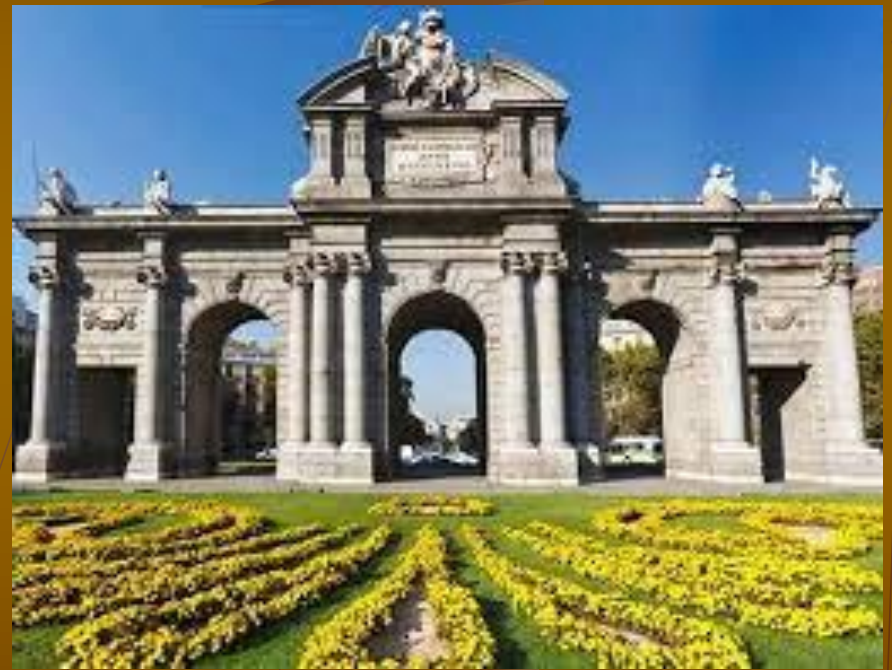


16 century:
Golden Age of
Arts and
Literature:
Don Quixote

BAROQUE
PAINTING

The Borbons

- The Spanish Bourbons (in Spain the name is spelled *Borbón* and rendered into *English* as *Borbon*) came into power in the 18 century.
- They still rule the country.



XIX century

- Napoleon invaded and conquered the country.
- Spaniards reacted: War of Independence
- Independence and first Liberal Constitution in 1812.

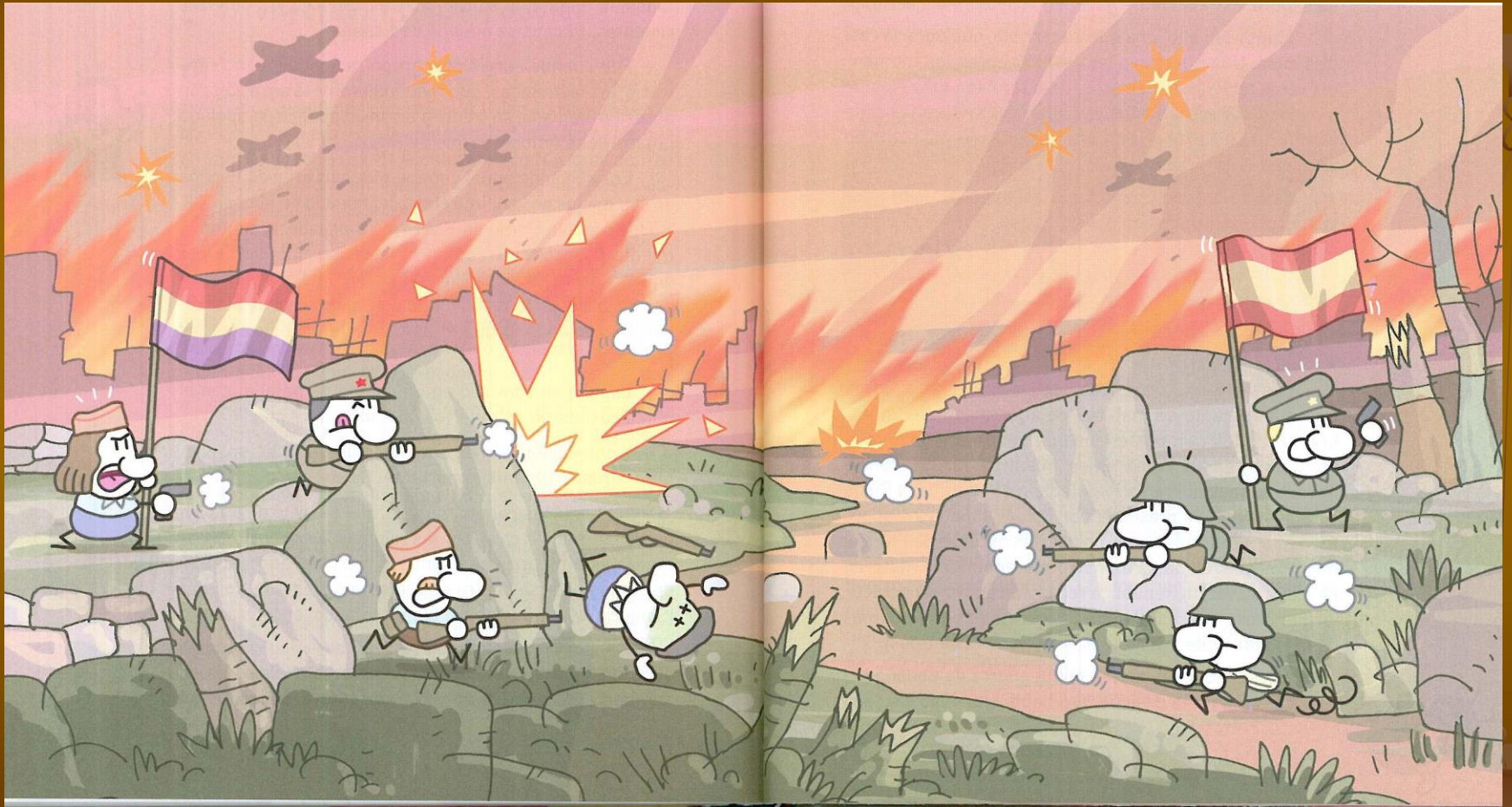


Second Spanish Republic

- It was proclaimed in 1931. The new government tried to modernize and develop democracy.
- Five years later, a military coup ended the new regime and a savage Civil War commenced.



SPANISH CIVIL WAR (1936-1939)



FRANCO'S DICTATORSHIP (1939-1975)

- The Civil War concluded with the victory of general Franco upon the Republic.
- The dictatorial regime lasted 36 years.
- After Franco's death in 1975, the process called transition enabled the development of democracy.
- Juan Carlos I of Borbón, became king of Spain.

FINALLY, A DEMOCRATIC SPAIN

- Our constitution was composed in 1978.
- Spain turned into a modern democratic country.

