



Map 13.2 *The Iberian Peninsula at the Time of Isabella and Ferdinand* From the many small principalities of medieval Iberia, four remained powerful in the fifteenth century: predominantly Christian Portugal along the Atlantic Coast; predominantly Muslim Granada in the south; Castile in the center, born of the amalgamation of many places and peoples; and equally diverse Aragon in the northwest. When Isabella of Castile married Ferdinand of Aragon in 1469, their combined resources made them unquestioned masters of the peninsula.