

Ancient Islamic civilization

Our concept: Community

Our big question: How do religions influence communities?

Vocabulary

Baghdad	Baghdad is today the capital of Iraq and was the capital of the Muslim world.
House of Wisdom	This was a library or university where scholars from all over the world were invited to study
mosque	A place where Muslims worship.
Ramadan	The most sacred month in the Islamic culture. Muslims do not eat or drink between dawn and dusk.
scholar	A highly educated person.
Prophet Muhammad	Muslims believe that Islam is a faith that has always existed and that it was gradually revealed to them by Muhammad.
merchant	A person or company involved in wholesale trade.
manuscript	A book, document or piece of music written by hand rather than typed or printed.
ailments	An illness, typically a minor one.
madrassa	A school built in, or alongside, a mosque.
crusades	The Crusades were a series of wars when Christians invaded the Muslim lands.



Key Knowledge

In 762, the newly-founded city of Baghdad became the capital of the Muslim world.

Until 1258, Baghdad was one of the world centres of culture and learning, with the period being known as the Golden Age of Islam.

The House of Wisdom housed a library and attracted scholars from around the world who translated texts from the classical world into Arabic.

Islamic scholars and inventors adopted the Hindi symbol for zero and style of numerals (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.) which we still use today.

By the 8th century Islamic scholars were using paper rather than parchment or papyrus for their writing.

The first hospitals in the world were built in Baghdad. Doctors studied how the human body works. Ibn Nafis studied how the heart worked and how blood moved round the body.

Our exciting text



The House of

- The place where scholars were invited to record their knowledge in Arabic.
- All scholars were invited: Muslim, Jews and Christians.
- Knowledge of medicine, astrology and science were the main areas studied and shared.
- The knowledge was very advanced for its time, with cures for many serious ailments being discovered.

