

Year 5: Islamic Golden Age



1 Historical terms	Definitions
Dynasty	Rulers of a country, that are related.
Caliph	Religious and civil leader
Strategically	Designed to meet long term goals.
Export	Sell goods to another country
Import	Buy goods from another country
The Silk Road	A trade route that went from China to Eastern Europe. It went along the northern borders of China, India, and Persia and ended up in Eastern Europe near today's Turkey and the Mediterranean Sea.

6. The Silk Road

- Baghdad was strategically located between Asia and Europe.
- Some of the goods being traded through Baghdad were ivory, soap, honey, and diamonds.
- People in Baghdad made and exported silk, glass, tiles, and paper.
- The road is 5000 miles long and covers Asia, Africa and Europe.

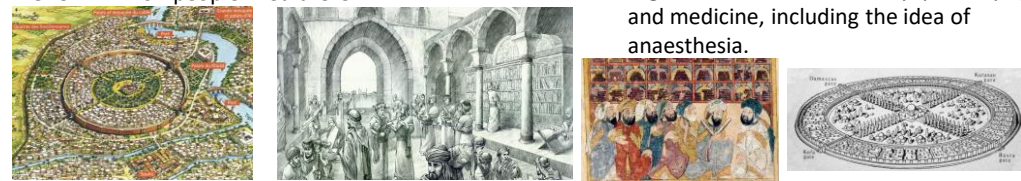


5. Baghdad in 900AD

- Leaders of the Abbasid Dynasty built Baghdad, the capital of modern-day Iraq.
- The city, known as **'the Round City'**, was built as two large semicircles with a mosque at the centre and housed the caliph's palace, libraries, government and military buildings.
- It was located near both the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, making it an ideal spot for food production that could sustain a large population.
- Over 2 million people lived there.

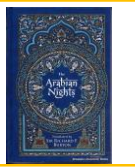
The House of Wisdom

- Abbasid Caliphs Harun al-Rashid and his son established a House of Wisdom in Baghdad—a dedicated space for scholarship.
- Muslims, Christians, and Jews all collaborated and worked peacefully there.
- The city was known for its tolerance and respect for difference.
- There were major breakthroughs in regards to Maths, astronomy, philosophy and medicine, including the idea of anaesthesia.



2. 1001 Arabian Nights

- 1001 Arabian nights was written and collected by various authors to amuse the caliph.
- It is a huge collection of middle eastern and south Asian stories.
- Stories include: Ali Baba and the 40 thieves, Aladdin and Sinbad the Sailor.



3. The Abbasid Dynasty (also called Caliphate or Empire)

- The Abbasid Dynasty existed around the same time as the Saxons and Vikings were in Britain.
- It existed between the 8th and the 13th Century.
- During this time, there were huge advances in Art, Science, Medicine and Maths.
- The Abbasid Dynasty established their capital in the city of Baghdad in 762 AD.
- Islamic culture flourished and Baghdad became renowned as a centre of learning and tolerance.
- Art and architecture combined to produce beautiful mosques and palaces.
- It is known as the Golden Age of Islam.
- Islamic rulers did not force people convert to Islam; however, they did have a pay higher taxes if they were non-Muslim.



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4. Modern day Baghdad

- Baghdad is the capital city of Iraq.
- Iraq is in the Middle East, Asia.
- It is situated on the Tigris River.
- It is hot and dry in the summer (average of 40 degrees Celsius) and cool and damp in the winter (average of 10 degrees Celsius).
- In the summer and early spring, there are often sand storms, which cover the city in dust.
- The area is largely flat.

