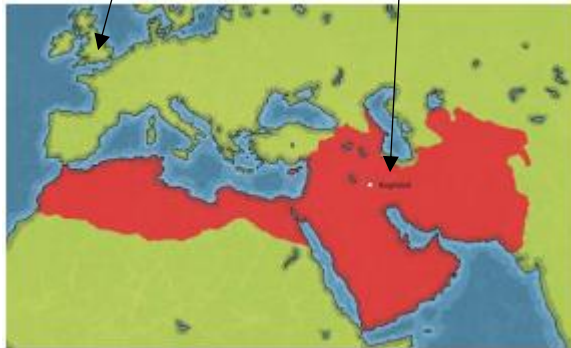


The Golden Age of Islam Knowledge Organiser

Britain Baghdad



Baghdad was the most important city of the Islamic Empire. Today the city can be found in Iraq. But in the era of the Islamic Empire, today's borders for countries did not exist.

When was the Golden Age of Islam?

The Golden Age of Islam was the period from 750CE to 1258CE. Baghdad was founded in 762CE.

All the **red** land was part of the Islamic Empire

The Round City

Baghdad became a global centre for learning, culture and trade. It was known as the round city, because of its circular design. The city was walled and had four gates as entrances. It was built on the banks of the River Tigris.



The House of Wisdom

The caliphs of Baghdad built the Bayt al Hikmah (or House of Wisdom) in the city as the royal library. The library had many scholars working to translate ancient texts from around the world. All people were welcome to study there, from all religions and countries.



Glossary

Caliph- an Islamic ruler

Caliphate – the area ruled by a Caliph

Trade – buying or selling goods

Wisdom – knowledge, experience and good judgement

Empire – a group of countries or states ruled by one person

Artefact- an object made by a person that tells us about history or culture

Compare – notice similarities and differences

Culture – the ideas, beliefs and social behaviour of a society

Invade – take over the land of others

CE (AD) – Common Era, also called AD.

The First University in the World

The University of al-Qarawiyyin in Fez, (which is now in Morocco) was founded during the Golden Age of Islam by a woman, Fatima al-Fihri. It was the first university in the world and is still open today.



How do we know about the achievements of the Islamic Empire?

There are many artefacts from this period in history. These include:



Coins with quotes from the Quran



Diagrams from medical encyclopaedias.



Scientific instruments, such as the astrolabe, that could be used as a compass.

What do these artefacts tell us about the Islamic Empire?

What was happening in Britain during the Golden Age of Islam?

Britain was ruled by Anglo Saxons, Vikings and the Normans in different kingdoms during the time of the Islamic Empire. There were lots of battles for land. Britain was not one unified country.

750CE

The Abbasid Caliphate begins.

751CE

Paper manufacturing begins in the Islamic Empire, which means scholars can record their learning easily in writing.

762CE

Baghdad is built.

786CE

The House of Wisdom is built.

850CE

A modern style hospital is built in Baghdad. It is free for all and has departments, specialisms and wards.

859CE

The first university in the world opens in Fez.

1258CE

Mongols invade Baghdad, ending the Caliphate.