

Highwood School—Year 5—Summer 1-Baghdad 900AD



Key Facts and Dates	Information
AD 570	Islam is a religion which was created by a man called Muhammad who was born in Mecca in AD 570. People who practice Islam are called Muslims.
AD752	Baghdad was built by the Caliph Al—Mansur as the new capital of the Islamic Empire.
Baghdad	Baghdad became known as the cultural and learning capital of the world. The world's first universities and hospitals were built here.
AD 830	Bayt Al-Hikma or 'The House of Wisdom', was built in AD 830 in Baghdad. It was founded by Caliph Harun Al— Rashid.
The House of Wisdom	The House of Wisdom was a library which collected and translated scientific writing from many languages.
Calligraphy	Some forms of Islamic Art include calligraphy and geometric patterns.
8th Century	The time around the 8th Century onwards is known in Islamic history as the golden age of Islam.

Key People

Known for.....



The early Islamic doctor Al-Zahrawi is known as the 'father of surgery'.



Al-Khwarizmi worked at the House of Wisdom. He is famous for his contributions to the development of algebra.



Ibn Al-Haytham made the world's first camera or pinhole camera.



The early Islamic doctor Muhammad Ibn Zakariya Razi made a significant contribution to the history of medicine.

The City of Baghdad c.900-1200AD

The city was known as 'The Round City'. It was built as two giant semicircles with a mosque at the centre. It housed the caliph's palace, government and military buildings. Residential areas for common people were outside the city walls.

