

Subject Specific Vocabulary	
<b>Baghdad</b>	Baghdad is today the capital of Iraq and was the capital of the Muslim world.
<b>House of Wisdom</b>	This was a library or university where scholars from all over the world were invited to study.
<b>mosque</b>	A place where Muslims worship.
<b>cuneiform</b>	Cuneiform, or Sumerian-Akkadian cuneiform, was one of the earliest systems of writing, invented by Sumerians in ancient Mesopotamia. It is distinguished by its wedge-shaped marks on clay tablets, made by means of a blunt reed for a stylus. The name cuneiform itself simply means "wedge-shaped".
<b>scholar</b>	A highly educated person.
<b>Mesopotamia</b>	Mesopotamia is a historical region of Western Asia situated within the Tigris–Euphrates river system. In modern days roughly corresponding to most of Iraq, Kuwait, the eastern parts of Syria, Southeastern Turkey, and regions along the Turkish–Syrian and Iran–Iraq borders.
<b>caliph</b>	Arabic <b>khalīfah</b> (“ <b>successor</b> ”), in Islamic history the ruler of the Muslim community.
<b>Islamic Golden Age</b>	The Islamic Golden Age was a period of cultural, economic and scientific flourishing in the history of Islam, traditionally dated from the 8th century to the 14th century.
<b>Prophet Muhammad</b>	Muslims believe that Islam is a faith that has always existed and that it was gradually revealed to them by Muhammad.

# Early Islamic Civilisation



## Sticky Knowledge -

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

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

The city of Baghdad was established by Al-Mansur, the second caliph of the Abbasid Empire, in 762-764.

## Exciting Books



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.

The city of Baghdad was designed to be circular in shape, and was known to many as ‘The Round City’.

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