



History: Why was the Islamic civilisation around 900AD known as the 'Golden Age'?

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Exciting Books	
Abbasid Caliphate	The Abbasid Caliphate ruled the Islamic Empire from 750-1258 AD		<h3>Key Sticky Knowledge</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early Islamic society had an important and long-lasting impact on the whole world ▪ The 'Golden Age' of Islam was an advanced society compared with Northern Europe at the time ▪ In 762AD, the newly founded city of Baghdad became the capital of the Muslim world ▪ Baghdad was founded between two rivers: the Tigris and the Euphrates ▪ Baghdad was constructed as a round, walled city, with a Mosque at its centre ▪ The House of Wisdom was a library where scholars from around the world travelled to learn and share ideas ▪ The 'Golden Age' was an important time for the spread of art, music and culture ▪ Baghdad was a powerful centre of world-wide trade 	
Baghdad	The capital of Iraq, and once the capital of the Muslim world	Key People		
Caliph	The leader of the Muslim world and ruler of the Caliphate.	Al-Khwarizmi		The 'father of algebra'
Caliphate	A united Islamic state under a single leader called the Caliph.	Al-Zahrawi		Surgeon: inventor of many medical instruments and author of the first illustrated surgical book
Dinar	A gold coin used by the Islamic Empire	Caliph Al-Mansur		The founder of Baghdad
Imam	An Islamic religious leader who often leads the worship services at a mosque	Caliph Harun al-Rashid		The founder of the House of Wisdom
Islam	The religion followed by Muslims	Prophet Muhammad		The founder of Islam
Mosque	The Muslim place of worship	<h3>Inventions of the 'Golden Age'</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol distillation ▪ Algebra ▪ The first chess instruction manuals ▪ Decimal fractions ▪ Glass manufacturing ▪ Hard soap ▪ Observatories ▪ The syringe 		
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam			
Quran	The most sacred book of the Islamic Religion			
Scholar	A highly educated person			
Tigris	A river running through Baghdad			

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