


Islamic World

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Exciting Books
Baghdad	Baghdad is today the capital of Iraq and was the capital of the Muslim world.		<h2 style="text-align: center;">Sticky Knowledge about the Islamic civilization AD900</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ 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. ❑ Until 1258, Baghdad was one of the world centres of culture and learning, with the period being known as the Golden Age of Islam. ❑ 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. ❑ By the 8th century Islamic scholars were using paper rather than parchment or papyrus for their writing.
House of Wisdom	This was a library or university where scholars from all over the world were invited to study	<h3 style="text-align: center;">The House of Wisdom</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The place where scholars were invited to record their knowledge in Arabic. ❑ All scholars were invited: Muslim, Jews and Christians. ❑ Knowledge of medicine, astrology and science were the main areas studied and shared. ❑ The knowledge was very advanced for its time, with cures for many serious ailments being discovered. 	
mosque	A place where Muslims worship.		
Ramadan	The most sacred month in the Islamic culture. Muslims do not eat or drink between dawn and dusk.		
scholar	A highly educated person.		
Prophet Muhammad	Muslims believe that Islam is a faith that has always existed and that it was gradually revealed to them by Muhammad.		
merchant	A person or company involved in wholesale trade.		
manuscript	A book, document or piece of music written by hand rather than typed or printed.		
ailments	An illness, typically a minor one.		
madrassa	A school built in, or alongside, a mosque.		
crusades	The Crusades were a series of wars when Christians invaded the Muslim lands.		