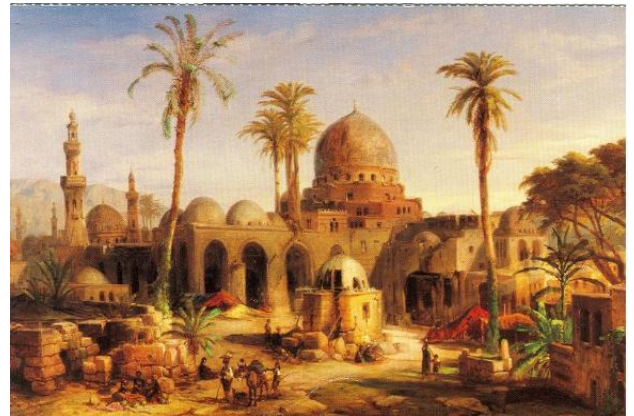
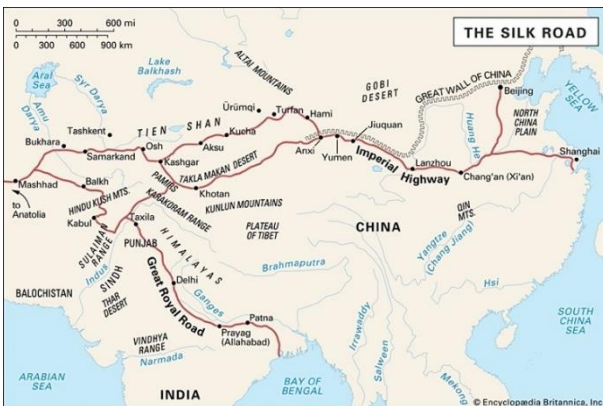


The Abbasid Caliphate: A Golden Age of Islam?

Year 7 History Topic 3 Homework Booklet



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Task One - Key Terms of the Islamic Empire

Instructions

Match the key terms up to the definition by drawing a line between the boxes

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| 1. Caliphate | A. Time when a country is at its best |
| 2. Baghdad | B. The Islamic Empire |
| 3. Islam | C. Routes that was traded on, linking Europe to Asia |
| 4. Caliph | D. Capital city of the Islamic Empire |
| 5. The Silk Road | E. Leader of the Islamic Empire |
| 6. Golden Age | D. Religion that was followed by most people in the Islamic Empire |
| 7. The Middle East | E. An Islamic hospital |
| 8. Bimaristan | F. Area of land around the eastern Mediterranean sea |

Task Two - The City of Baghdad

When did the Abbasids take power?

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Why was this period called the Golden Age of Islam?

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What were hospitals like in Baghdad?

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In 750, the Abbasids took power and built a new capital, Baghdad, in 762.

Under Abbasid rule, Islamic culture developed. Many subjects who had been followers of other faiths changed to Islam.

This period is sometimes called the Golden Age of Islam, as Arab learning in the sciences and arts reached new heights, whilst the richly decorated buildings in Baghdad became the world famous.

Muslim scholars (someone who studies) collected and translated books. In Baghdad, the Abbasid caliph created a centre of learning which was known as the House of Wisdom.

Some of the earliest and most advanced hospitals were built in Baghdad. The doctors were highly skilled and worked hard to thoroughly understand diseases, injuries and treatments.

Overall, the Islamic Empire was a time of great discoveries, especially in maths, science, and medicine.

What did many subjects in the Islamic empire do?

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What was the House of Wisdom?
What did people do there?

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Where were there great discoveries in the Islamic empire?

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Task Three – Islamic Empire Podium Questions

For this task, you must answer the questions below which will help you to practice your historical writing skills. They are called 'Podium Questions' because with each question, the question becomes slightly more difficult.

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Bronze: Why was the Silk Road important?

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Silver: Why was Islamic medicine more advanced than European medicine?

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Gold: Why was Baghdad considered a 'Golden Age' of Islam?

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If you are stuck with your homework task:

- Speak to someone in your class to help
- Speak to your teacher

Any issues with the homework (such as being stuck on the task) must be addressed with your teacher before the due date.

