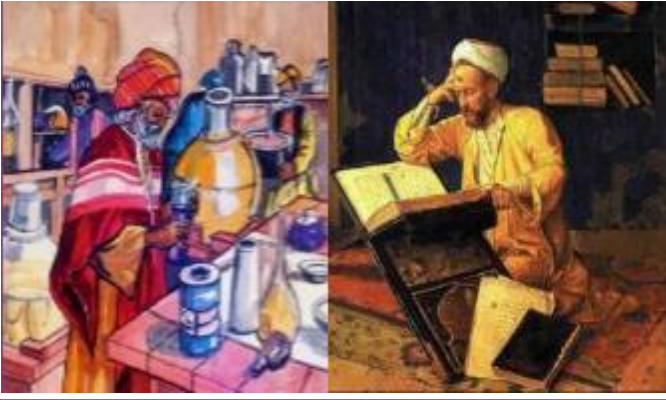



Why was the Islamic Civilisation around AD900 known as the 'Golden Age'?

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Exciting Books
Baghdad	Baghdad is today the capital of Iraq and was the capital of the Muslim world.		<h2>Sticky Knowledge about the Islamic civilisation 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 the world centre 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.	<h2>Historical Skills</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Compare life in the Islamic Empire with that in Europe in the 10th-11th century. ❑ Evaluate the impact that significant discoveries and studies by early Islamic scholars made on the wider world. ❑ Compare how early Islamic and European medicine in the Middle Ages was different. ❑ Place features of the Islamic civilisation and people from this society in relation to other periods in a chronological framework. 	
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.		