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L.O: To create an advert for the centre of learning

Starter

During 900 CE, while it was the _____ in Baghdad, we were still living in the _____. Not surprisingly, while there were only _____ inhabitants living in London, Baghdad had over _____ people living within the round city. It was a time of _____ in Baghdad, while London was devastated by constant _____ by the Danes and the Vikings.

Invasions	18,000	Islamic Golden Age	a million	peace	Dark Ages
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The House of Wisdom - Centre of Learning



What was the House of Wisdom?

academy	A place of learning
algebra	Study of mathematical symbols
algorithm	A set of rules to be followed - calculation
caliph	A Muslim chief
equivalent	Equal to
invasion	Taking over a country by force
manuscript	A document written by hand
Mongol	An inhabitant of Mongolia
observatory	A room housing a telescope
residents	A person who lives somewhere
slaughtered	killed

Read the text, 'What was the House of Wisdom?'

As you read, try answering these key question
(highlight your answers)

- Who established the House of Wisdom?
- What is a caliph?
- Who turned the library into an academy?
- Who gathered at the House of Wisdom?
- Who invented algebra?
- Who is Ibn Sina known as?
- Who destroyed the House of Wisdom?

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Baghdad Timeline

AD 637: Islam spreads to Persia, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt.

AD 767: The Mansur Mosque is built.

AD 786: The House of Wisdom is founded.

AD 813: Caliph Al-Ma'mun expands the House of Wisdom.

AD 1325: Ibn Battuta leaves Tangier on his 29 year journey.

AD 752: Baghdad is built to be the capital of the Islamic Empire, under the rule of caliph Al-Mansur.

AD 786: Caliph Harun Al-Rashid comes to power.

AD 860: House of Wisdom holds the largest collection of books in the world.

AD 1258: Baghdad invaded by Ikhanate Mongol armies and allies. House of Wisdom is destroyed.

Why was House of Wisdom important?

Scholars from the House of Wisdom would travel widely to collect texts from all over the world. They would bring them back to translate them into Arabic. By the second half of the 9th century, the House of Wisdom stored more books than anywhere else in the world and was attracting the most brilliant Arab and Persian minds to study there.

Why was House of Wisdom important?



A lot of original research happened. For example, the famous mathematician Al-Khwarizmi worked there and is famous for his contributions to the development of algebra.



On the right is a 13th century Arabic translation of *Materia Medica*, an ancient book of medicine.

On the left is a page from Al-Khwarizmi's al-Jabr.





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Reason 1



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If you know how to translate from Ancient Greek, Persian, Indian and Roman then you will be rewarded with gold coins.

We Do

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Reason 2

You Do

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Use your notes and text to find 3 more reasons and write them in your books.

You Do

Present your Advert to the class.

You can work with your partner and present your ad together.

