

Ancient Islamic Empire

Geography – Investigate places

- Name and locate some of the major landmarks from the age of the empire.
- Identify the surrounding countries and their significance.
- Describe in greater detail the cultural and economic significance of Baghdad and explain how its geographical location was important.

History

- Know the major figures involved the age of the ancient Islamic empire.
- Know the factors that made Baghdad a major world power.
- Know the life events that shaped Muhammed life and future path to leader.
- Identify why the geography of the land played a part in the eventual downfall of the empire.
- Compare and contrast the rule of Muhammed with the reign of Alexander the Great.
- Identify the significance of the Islamic empire on the modern world – doctors, inventors, artists and literacy.

Wider curriculum links

- Explain why Muslims split into two separate groups after the death of Muhammad and describe some of the beliefs of these groups.
- Recognise and compare different examples of Islamic art.
- Evaluate and assess the impact and significance of some prominent Muslim scholars and compare their achievements to those of their predecessors and contemporaries.
- Describe in detail the role of the caliphate and understand the differences between Sunni and Shia Muslims, making links and comparisons to issues today.