

LO: To find out about Baghdad's role in the early Islamic civilisation.

This term in topic, we will be learning all about 'Early Islamic Civilisation'. In R.E, you have already been finding out lots about Islam so you may already know more than you think!

Today, we are going to find out about a very special place called Baghdad. As always, if you have any questions or queries just email me.

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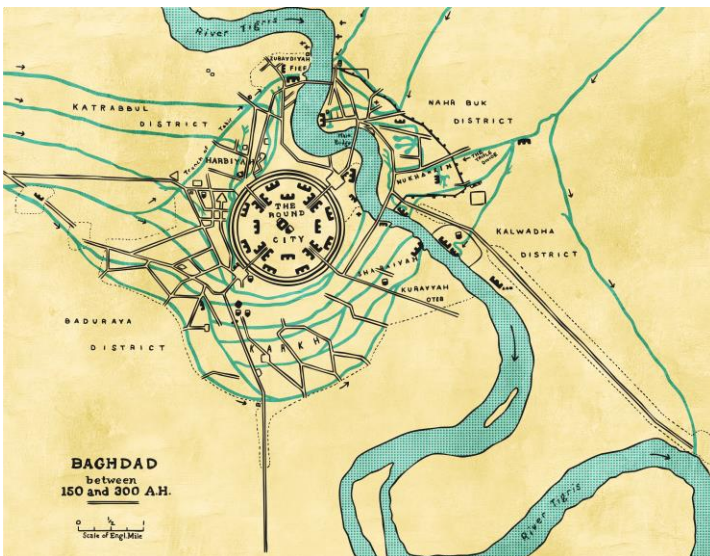
### The Rise of the Islamic Empire.



Questions - Use the internet to help you if you want to.

1. Which country is Baghdad located in?
2. What does the terrain (land) look like?
3. Which other cities can you think of that have a river running through them or close by?

### Baghdad in AD 900



This is an old map of Baghdad.

1. Can you see the river?
2. What shape does Baghdad look like?

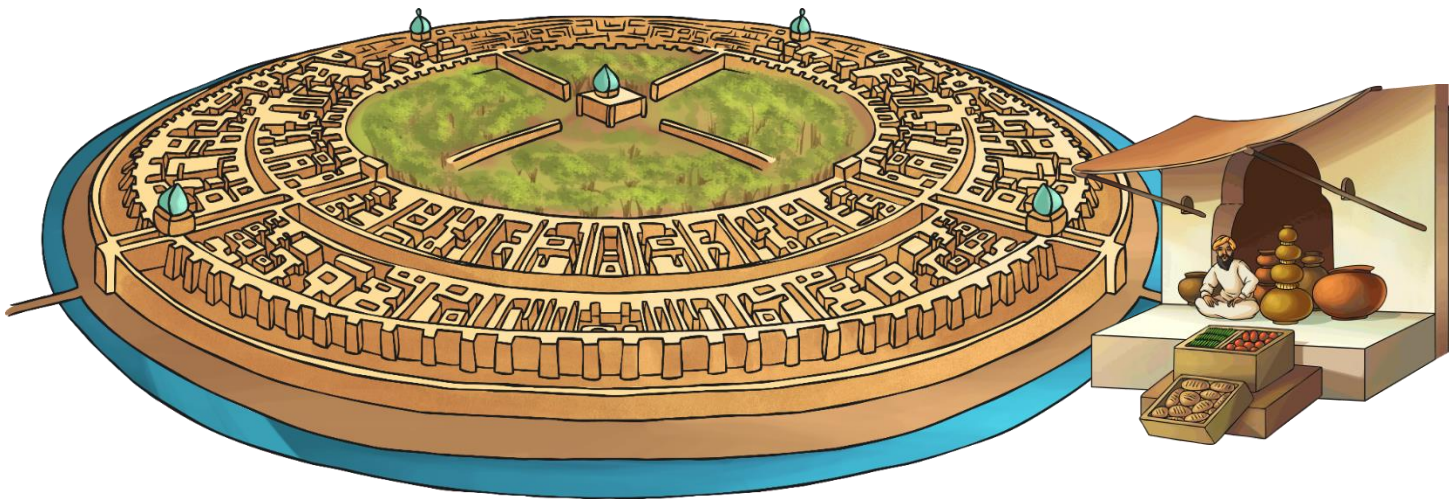
### Baghdad in AD 900

Baghdad was built in **AD 752** by **Caliph Al-Mansur** as the new capital of the Islamic Empire.

It was built in a **circle**, about 1km in diameter, with the **mosque and guard headquarters** in the centre. Houses were built around the city walls.

Baghdad's **location** was perfect for the city to succeed. It was close to water and established trade routes.

**Major roads** crossed through the city, and many traders set up **markets** around the entrances.



### Baghdad in AD 900

Baghdad became known as the cultural and learning capital of the world. The world's **first universities and hospitals** were built there.

A **banking system** was set up so that people could trade and encouraged more people to settle close to the city.

Over **1 million people** lived in Baghdad.

The **House of Wisdom** was built in Baghdad as the centre of learning and knowledge. Many scholars travelled there.

### Learning and Living in Baghdad

Learning and knowledge was placed at the centre of life in Baghdad, which became the cultural capital of the world. Many scholars travelled there to share, research and advance their knowledge. Baghdad began to attract people from all parts of the world to trade, study and work there.

### Task:

I would like you to draw/ recreate a picture of Baghdad in your books, writing around it all the key information discovered. If you need help thinking of the information, maybe these questions will help you.

What country and continent is Baghdad in? What runs through the city? When was Baghdad built and by who? What is in the middle of the city? Why? How come it was easy to trade there? How many people lived there? What did Baghdad have to offer the people who lived there and visited the city?

On the next page, there are pictures of Baghdad that might help you.

