

Islamic Empire and Europe Comparison



Can you cut out and sort the statements into whether it relates to the Islamic Empire or Europe in around AD 1000?

The Islamic Empire AD 1000	Europe AD 1000

Very few books and hardly any readers.

Religion tended to be "blind" faith.

General peace across a huge empire.

About 20,000 people lived in London and its suburbs.

Very poor mathematics using Roman numerals and no zero.

Millions of books and many thousands of readers.

Many wars between kingdoms.

Religion tended to encourage scientific study.

Used advanced mathematics using Arabic numbers and zero.

Clean water and good drainage in cities.

Gathered and used books from the ancient Greeks/Romans.

Ignored the writings of ancient Greeks and Romans.

Unsafe water supplies and very little drainage in cities.

About one million people lived in Baghdad and its suburbs.