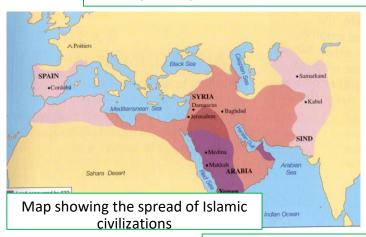
Baghdad became the largest city in the world (10 times larger than London). It was renowned for its wealth and as a centre of learning at the House of Wisdom.



Islamic societies spread to cover a third of the world's population. In contrast to Europe. At the time, Islamic societies were developing scientific thinking, medicine, literature and prosperous trade route.





Prosperous	Rich and successful		
achievements	Things done successfully after lots of effort.		
renowned	Well known.		
Translate	To write in another language		
caliphate	The rule or reign of a caliph		
caliph	The civil and religious ruler		
research	studying to find things out		
era	A long and distinct period in history		
Silk Roads	An ancient network of trade routes		

Being at the centre of the **Silk Roads** brought goods and produce to be sold in Baghdad from as far East as Ireland

and as far West as China. This made Baghdad prosperous and spread new ideas.

Map showing the Silk Roads

Spices, paper, ivory and perfumes were among the goods traded.



610	632	750	762	1258
Islam founded	Death of Muhammed	Start of Abbasid Caliphate	City of Baghdad founded	Baghdad destroyed by Mongol ruler Hulagu Khan