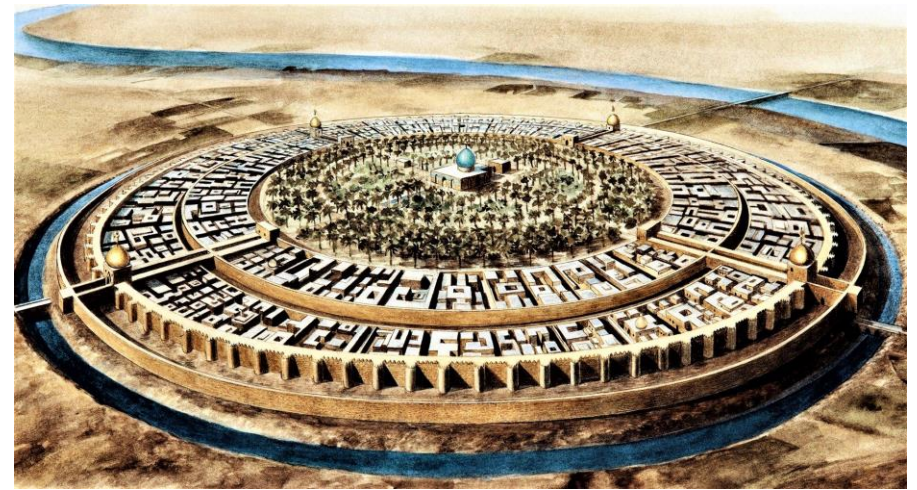




Key vocabulary	
Islam	Islam is one of the world's major religions. Its founder was Muhammad. The religion has about 1.6 billion followers worldwide. Most of the followers of Islam, called Muslims, live in North Africa, the Middle East, and southern and central Asia.
age	A distinct period of history.
Middle East	The region around the southern and eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea. It includes the countries that are located where the continents of Europe, Asia, and Africa meet.
Dark Ages	a time during which a civilization undergoes a decline
era	a period of time in history
culture	the 'way of life' of groups of people, meaning the way they do things
economy	the way in which goods and services are made, sold, and used in a country or area
science	knowledge about the natural world that is based on facts
domestic	of the country one is in; not imported.
bird's eye	view of something from above
artefacts	Objects that give us information about life in the past.

Baghdad

Baghdad was designed from scratch as a circle about 1 km in diameter, leading it to be known as the 'Round City'. The original design shows a ring of residential and commercial structures along the inside of the city walls. In the centre of the city lay the mosque, as well as headquarters for guards.



Examples of Islamic Art



The Silk Road transferred goods, ideas, religions from Eastern Asia to Europe and vice versa. As Baghdad was much advanced in areas such as fashion, religion, art, science and medicine The Silk Road was crucial in allowing these advances travel to other countries

