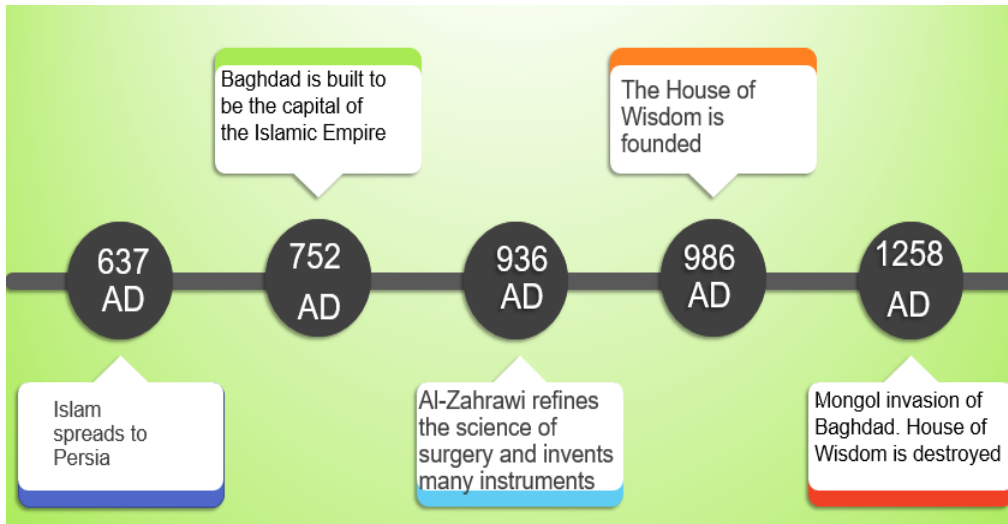


### What should I already know?

- A civilisation is a large group of people who share certain ways of living and working.
- When a river floods, it creates fertile soil around its banks.
- Global trade is the exchange of goods and services between different countries.

### Key vocabulary and definitions

<b>Baghdad</b>	Capital city of Iraq.
<b>Mesopotamia</b>	Region in the Middle East. Today, the region is part of Iraq.
<b>House of Wisdom</b>	A library or university where scholars from all over the world were invited to study.
<b>scholar</b>	A highly educated person.
<b>Caliph</b>	A leader of the Islamic faith, their ruler was called the caliphate.
<b>Silk Road</b>	Trade routes between the Eastern and Western hemispheres; this allowed the exchange of goods and ideas such as religion, technology and politics.
<b>fertile land</b>	Soil that is nutrient-rich which allows crops to grow.
<b>Sumer</b>	The earliest known civilisation of southern Mesopotamia.



### What was the Golden Age?

The Islamic Golden Age refers to the Islamic Empire during the middle ages which later became one of the largest empires in history. During the Golden Age, Baghdad became a centre of knowledge and culture. Major advances were made in science, maths and medicine. Scholars travelled to the city from all around the world to study.