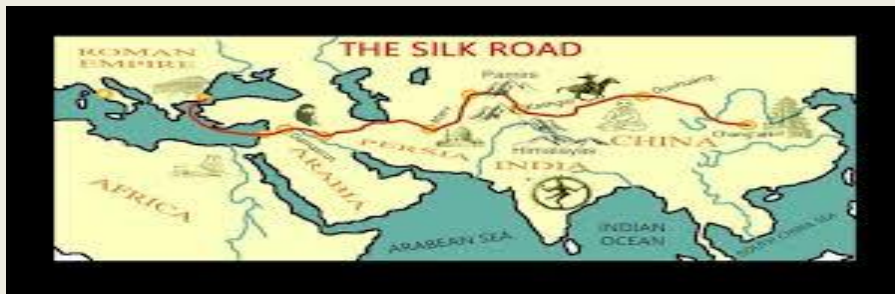




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**Map of Islamic Empire 750AD**

The Islamic Golden Age took place between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. Its most important city and spiritual centre was Baghdad but the empire stretched as far as North Africa and Southern Europe.



**Baghdad**

Baghdad was known as the 'Round City' due to its shape. It was built with a grand mosque right in the centre of the city and was then divided up into four different districts. Two large walls surrounded the city for defence.

<p>The Silk Road</p>	<p>The Silk Road was a famous trade route that ran from China to the Mediterranean Sea. It was most famous for its trade in silk but many other goods were bought and sold along the route too: metals, teas, perfumes and spices. It was not just goods that were exchanged: the road also allowed the exchange of ideas, religion and technology.</p>
<p><b>Why was this time considered 'great':</b></p>	
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Many advances in science were made during this time and the era was particularly far ahead of its time in astronomy. Many of the stars that can be seen in the sky today were first named by Islamic astronomers.</p>
<p>Water/sewage</p> 	<p>Baghdad boasted paved streets, clean running water and sewerage systems long before much of Europe.</p>
<p>Trade</p> 	<p>Baghdad's position meant it could trade with countries all across the world. The famous Silk Road was responsible for transporting goods and ideas all over the world.</p>
<p>Health</p> 	<p>Doctors during this period were aware that contagious diseases spread and knew how circulatory systems worked.</p>
<p>Architecture</p> 	<p>The empire contained beautiful buildings with ornate tiles.</p>



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