

Bramcote Hills Primary School 'Make the future better for all' Humanities Curriculum Depth Map - History



Intent:

At BHPS we provide children with a challenging and engaging history curriculum that inspires a curiosity and fascination. We want them to have a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. Through studying a variety of historical periods and concepts, they should develop a chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day. They should appreciate how people's lives have shaped the nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world. They are increasingly able to explain the nature of ancient civilisations, the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of past non-European societies and achievements and follies of mankind.

We aim to build on key historical knowledge, understanding and skills. As we draw our pupils from a wide catchment, with many children having English as an additional language, we start with ensuring pupils have a strong understanding of historical language.

Implementation:

We begin with a child-centred approach to history by exploring changes within their own lives and within living memory. They explore events that are significant locally and nationally and the lives of significant individuals who have contributed to national and international achievements. As pupils progress, they are introduced to more abstract terms such as 'empire', 'civilisation' 'parliament' and 'peasantry'. As they move through the key stages, they continue to explore concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use these to analyse trends and frame historically-valid questions. Even from a very early age, children are exposed to methods of historical enquiry and how evidence is used to make historical claims.

We motivate and enthuse pupils by creating deep links with other curriculum areas including English, maths, science, geography, art and SMSC. Wherever possible, we use first-hand experiences and fieldwork to deepen their understanding of history. We aim to provide some off-site experiences with a specific historical focus so that children can strengthen their understanding through first-hand experiences. We use a range of historical sources of evidence and utilise artefacts, drama, role-play, visiting experts and the latest technology to bring the subject to life. This ensures that their curiosity and fascination are maintained and that history is delivered in an exciting and engaging way. Many of our children and people from the wider community have strong historical links and a vast historical knowledge, so we make use of these experts to engage and motivate pupils further.

Our history curriculum is designed to allow children time to think, discuss, practise, explore and embed. This allows time for teaching, practice and repetition – both in a year group and across both key stages. Curriculum coverage is mapped out carefully from EYFS to Year 6 which allows some key concepts to be developed at a deeper level of learning, understanding and mastery. Fundamental *knowledge* and **skills** are covered at key points throughout the primary phase and repeated to allow pupils to build on what has been taught before. Where year groups are covering an area in more depth, this will be highlighted in green on the Curriculum Depth Map below. Lessons will be planned and a knowledge organiser provided for pupils, which outlines the area to be taught, where the new knowledge and skills fit in with their prior learning, any sticky knowledge they need to understand and key vocabulary they need to learn.

Impact:

Impact is evidenced through:

- Pupils understanding and ability to clarify for others what history is and the importance and value of studying the subject.
- Developing historical skills
- Retaining key knowledge
- Demonstrating that they know more all the time
- Low-stakes tests/quizzes
- Pupils will be able to express their knowledge and understanding
- Pupil's use of key vocabulary
- The use and outcomes of the varied activities

Key Stage One

Year 1	Year 2		
Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot	In My Attic - toys, school, communication, transport,		
Changes within living memory - seaside	homes		
Grace Darling	Rosa Parks, David Attenborough, Amy Johnson,		
or accounting	Remembrance Day		
	Great Fire of London & Samuel Pepys		
	Captain Scott		
Within livi	ng memory		
Understand changes within living memory. Where	Understand changes within living memory. Where		
appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of	appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of		
change in national life	change in national life		
Organise a number of artefacts by age	Organise a number of artefacts by age		
Know what a number of older objects were used for	Know what a number of older objects were used for		
	Know that the toys their grandparents played with were		
	different to their own		
	Know the main differences between their school days and		
	that of their grandparents or older people		
	ng memory		
Know about an event or events that happened long ago, even	Know about an event or events that happened long ago, even		
before their grandparents were born	before their grandparents were born		
Recall events beyond living memory that are significant	Recall events beyond living memory that are significant		
nationally or globally	nationally or globally		
Know that children's lives today are different to those of children a long time ago	Know that children's lives today are different to those of children a long time ago		
Know what we use today instead of a number of older given	Know what we use today instead of a number of older given		
artefacts	artefacts		
Lives of signi			
Know about the lives of significant individuals in the past who	Know about the lives of significant individuals in the past who		
have contributed to national and international achievements.	have contributed to national and international achievements.		
Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different	Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different		
periods	periods		
Name a famous person from the past and explain why	Name a famous person from the past and explain why		
they are famous	they are famous		
	Know about a famous person from outside the UK and explain		
	why they are famous		
Local History			
Know how the local area is different to the way it used to be			
a long time ago	own locality		
	Know the name of a famous person, or a famous place, close		
	to where they live		
	Differentiate between things that were here 100 years		
	ago and things that were not (including buildings, technology, toys, etc.)		
	rechnology, loys, etc.)		

Key Stage Two

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain	Ancient Civilizations (Ancient Egypt focus but link to Indus Valley, Ancient Sumer, Shang Dynasty) Britain's settlement: Anglo-Saxons & Scots The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor	Crime and Punishments beyond 1066 Ancient Greece - a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the Western World Local history - Bramcote Village	Local history - WW1 Bramcote Soldier The Blitz Non-European society -AD 900; Early Islamic Civilisation Black History Month
	Historical u	nderstanding	
Understand how the earliest civilizations survived	Understand how civilizations and their rule came to an end.	Understand how civilizations and their rule came to an end and identify the key aspects of the culture of civilizations from the past.	Identify the key aspects of the culture of civilizations from the past.
Identify the differences between two periods of history.	Make links to periods of history previously studied.	Make links to periods of history previously studied	Make links to periods of history previously studied.
Talk about the struggles between two groups within a period in history.	,	Know about and can talk about the struggles between different groups within a period in history.	Know about and can talk about the struggles between different groups within a period in history.
Know about the culture of a specific group of people.			
Describe what a typical day would be like for men, women and children within a period in history, thinking about their culture.			
Know how the lives of wealthy people were different from the lives of poorer people within society.	Understand the daily life of different groups of people in periods of history.	Know how the lives of wealthy people were different from the lives of poorer people within society and how crimes and the punishments they received were affected.	Offer reasons for why members of society were treated differently throughout history.
Describe events from the past, using dates when things happened.	Know about the main events from a period of history, explaining the order of events and what happened.	Know about the main events from a period of history, explaining the order of events and what happened.	Know about the main events from a period of history, explaining the order of events and what happened.
Name important figures from periods in history.	Name important figures from periods in history.	Name important figures from periods in history.	
	Explain why groups of people chose their settlements.	Explain <u>how</u> groups of people chose their settlements.	
	Understand and can explain the effects of invasions.		
		Understand the choices that individuals and groups of people made and the impact these had.	

Under	standing the achievements of civiliz	ations and their impact of the prese	ent day
Know that many of the groups of	Know that many of the early civilizations	Identify and outline many of the early	
people/civilisations gave much to the world.	gave much to the world.	civilizations gave much to the world.	
Know about the impact that one of the	Understand that changes in history can	Understand that the changes have	Explain the impact that different periods
periods of history being studied had on the	have an impact on the world.	impacted on the world through Politics,	of history have had on the world.
rest of the world.		Technology, Maths and Science.	
		Know how our locality and lives today have	
		been shaped by what happened in the past.	
		Know how an event or events from the past	Know how an event or events from the past
		has shaped our life today.	has shaped our life today.
	Chro	nology	
Sequence important events.	Draw a timeline with different historical	Know how to place features of historical	Use a timeline, showing key historical
	periods, showing key historical events or	events and people from the past societies	events or lives of significant people,
	lives of significant people.	and periods in a chronological framework	within or across different historical
		using dates and prior knowledge.	periods.
Describe events from the past using	Explain events from the past using dates	Explain events from the past using dates	Know how to place features of historical
dates when things happened. Time Frame	when things happened.	when things happened.	events and people from the past societies
			and periods in a chronological framework.
	Using sources, to gener	ate and answer questions	
Know how historic items and artefacts	Know how historic items and artefacts	Know how historic items and artefacts	
have been used to help build up a picture	have been used to help build up a picture	have been used to help build up a picture	
of the past.	of the past.	of the past.	
Research to find answers to specific	Use a range of sources, to research	Research, to find answers to specific	Research what life was like for
historical questions	information about the past.	questions about our locality.	individuals in each period of history,
			presenting my findings.
		Research to find similarities and	Use a range of sources to find out
		differences between two or more periods	about the past, discussing the reliability
		of history.	of these.
		Research what life was like for	
		individuals in each period of history,	
		presenting my findings.	

Appendix - Key Knowledge and Vocabulary

History - KS1				
Key Knowledge Key Vocabulary				
Year 1				
Sticky Knowledge about Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder	bonfire	Houses of		
Plot	Catholic	Parliament		
☐ The Gunpowder plot happened in 1605 which was before	gunpowder	Plot		
our grandparents were born.	executed	Treason		
☐ Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5 th November every	plot	King James 1		
year.	explosives	Guy Fawkes		
☐ The Gunpowder Plot was a plan to kill the King by a group	cellar	Robert Catesby		
of Catholics.	arrested			
The plot failed and Guy Fawkes was executed.	warning			
Sticky Knowledge about the Seaside	sea	past		
☐ When our grandparents were little, most people did not	pier	present		
go abroad for a holiday and most had never been in an	coast	then		
aeroplane.	bathing machine	now		
People often went on holiday for health reasons.	Punch and Judy	brass band		
☐ Most people went on holiday just once a year as it was	promenade	bandstand		
expensive. They usually went to the coast.	harbour			
People usually went to the seaside by train.				
 Popular activities included waking along the promenade, 				
watching Punch and Judy shows and listening to brass				
bands play.				
 Over a hundred years ago, people used bathing machines 				
so they could not be seen getting undressed.				
Sticky Knowledge about Grace Darling	lighthouse	Farne Islands		
☐ Grace darling was a lighthouse keeper's daughter.	lighthouse keeper	rescue		
She lived on one of the Farne Islands.	island	shipwreck		
☐ Grace and her father saved 9 people when their ship	heroic	survivors		
sank in 1838 during a terrible storm.	bravery	coast		
She was awarded a medal for her bravery.	storm	Forfarshire		
	Northumberland	rowing boat		

His	story - KS1						
Ke	y Knowledge	Key Vocabulary					
	Year 2						
	cky Knowledge about Old toys were often hand-made from materials such as wood, metal, glass and fabric compared to new toys, which use electricity or batteries to make noise or light and are mostly made out of plastic. Children went to school 100 years ago but their classrooms were very	hand-made metal glass fabric electricity	remembrance battlefield poppy Equal Rights inkwell				
	different - many of the things we use today had not been invented. Teachers could be very strict and children were punished if they misbehaved.	batteries woodwork needlework	strict cane slate				
	Communication was very different in the past. Mobile phones, tablets, games consoles and PCs hadn't been invented. There would have been one phone and one TV in the house with only three channels to watch.	games console personal computer (PC)	back straightener				
	Homes were different in the past. Many jobs had to be done by hand as many household appliances hadn't been invented.	appliances dolly tub					
	Bicycles and were very basic. Cars had only just been invented and only rich people could afford them.	mangle gazunder					
	Rosa Parks fought for the rights of black people in the USA. She became very well-known for not giving up her seat to a white person on a bus. Remembrance Day (Armistice Day) is on 11 th November and marks the day that World War 1 ended. A two-minute silence is held at 11am to	Penny Farthing Bone Shaker					
Sti	remember the people who have died in wars. cky Knowledge about The Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys	bakery	Fire Service				
	The Great Fire of London started in a bakery in Puddling Lane in 1666.	Thomas Farriner St Paul's Cathedral	fire hook squirt				
	Many of the houses were made of wood and were built very close together so fire spread quickly.	Pudding Lane Samuel Pepys	timber frame thatched				
	There was no fire service so people tried to put out the fire themselves. They pulled down houses to create a firebreak. The fire burned for five days and destroyed many buildings, including	diary firebreak leather	River Thames cart axe				
	St Paul's Cathedral. Only six deaths were recorded. A man called Samuel Pepys wrote about the fire in his diary. He wrote	Great Plague	une				
	it in secret code. A monument was built in London to remember the fire.						
	At this time there was a deadly disease called the Great Plague which was spread by the fleas carried by rats.						
Sti	cky Knowledge about Captain Scott Captain Robert falcon Scott wanted to be the first person to reach	journey expedition	sledge Norwegian				
	the South Pole. Scott and his team reached the South Pole in 1912 but they had been beeten by a team of Norwegian explorer.	frostbite rations	blizzard gale force winds				
	beaten by a team of Norwegian explorers. All five men died on the journey back. Their bodies were found buried in snow eight months later.	explorer Antarctica southernmost	continent polar region South Pole				
	in snow eight months later. Captain Scott kept a diary to record what happened during his journey.	Southernings1	South Fole				

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Ke	y Knowledge	Key Vocabulary			
Уe	ar 3				
Sti	cky Knowledge about the Stone-age period	tribal	hunter-gatherer		
	The Stone Age period is said to have started around 3 million year ago	shelter	nomad		
	when humans started to live in Europe.	civilization	palaeolithic		
	The Stone Age was followed by the Bronze Age period. This is when	settlement	mesolithic		
	humans started to use metal.	prey	neolithic		
	The Bronze Age was followed by the Iron Age when tools and weapons	pelt	tribe		
	became more advanced and were used for farming, hunting and	beaker	neanderthal		
	fighting.	Celt	homosapiens		
	During the Palaeolithic Age (old Stone Age), people were nomadic,	bronze	domesticate		
	living in caves or simple shelters. They gathered food by hunting wild	smelting	roundhouse		
	animals and birds, fishing, and collecting fruits and nuts.	druid	hillfort		
	During the Mesolithic Age (the middle of the Stone Age), there was	borer	quern		
	greater innovation with tools.	hunter-gatherers			
	During the Neolithic Age (towards end of the Stone Age), the humans	stone-age			
	formed settled communities, and domesticated plants and animals for				
	the first time in history.				
Sti	cky Knowledge about the Romans	empire	mosaic		
	Julius Caesar was probably the best-known Roman leader. He	toga	arch		
	extended the empire by invading other lands.	aqueduct	chariot		
	Boudicca was a queen of the British Celtic Iceni Tribe who led an	coliseum	hypocaust		
	uprising against the occupying forces of the Roman Empire.	centurion	tunic		
	A legend tells that Rome was created by two brothers, Romulus and	emperor	aquila		
	Remus who were abandoned after they were born.	amphitheatre	pantheon		
	Romans used to eat food like dormice dipped in honey.	senate	testudo		
	Romans occasionally used a spoon, but they would never use a knife	gladiator	legionary		
	and fork. Rich Romans liked to eat exotic food, such as stork, roast	republic	Romanisation		
	parrot and even flamingo!	conquer	Roman baths		
	When the Romans came to Britain, they helped us by creating roads;	invade			
	introducing drainage and access to fresh water and introducing towns.				

History - KS2				
Key Knowledge	Key Vocabulary			
Year 4	110/ 1000001111/			
Sticky knowledge about the Ancient Egyptians For almost 30 centuries—from its unification around 3100 BCE to its conquest by Alexander the Great in 332 BCE — Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest and most powerful civilizations in the history of the world.	afterlife amulet Ankh barter	papyrus pharaohs pyramid Rosetta Stone sarcophagus		
Other civilisations at the time included: the Neolithic Age in Europe (c4000 to c2,500 BCE); the Ancient Sumerians in Mesopotamia, modern Iraq (c5300 BC to c1940 BC); the Indus Valley people in modern-day Pakistan and Northern India (c5000 BCE-c1500 BCE); and the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China (c.1600-c1046 BCE).	canopic jar cartouche Egyptologist Eye of Horus hieroglyphs irrigation	scarab scribe shaduf sphinx tomb		
☐ The civilization of Ancient Egypt was located along the Nile River in northeast Africa. The Nile was the source of much of the Ancient Egypt's wealth.	mummification mummy	tombs vizier		
Ancient Egypt was rich in culture including government, religion, arts, and writing. The government and religion were tied together as the leader of the government, the Pharaoh, was also leader of the religion.				
☐ The Pharaohs of Egypt were often buried in giant pyramids or in secret tombs. They believed that they needed treasure to be buried with them to help them in the afterlife. As a result, archaeologists have a lot of well-preserved artefacts and tombs to examine in order to find out how the Ancient Egyptians lived.				
The most famous tomb was discovered by Howard Carter in 1922 in The Valley of the Kings; Tutankhamen's tomb was filled with treasure and artefacts unlike found in any other Pharaoh's tomb.				
The last pharaoh of Egypt was Cleopatra VII; after her death in 30BC Egypt became a part of the Roman Empire				
Sticky Knowledge about the Anglo-Saxons	Alfred the Great	runes		
☐ The Anglo-Saxons were made up of three tribes: the Angles; the Saxons; and the Jutes.	Angles Anglo-Saxon	Saxons shires		
 They came to Britain across the North Sea from Angeln, Saxony and Jutland in the middle of the 5th Century (after the Roman withdrawal from Britain in c.410CE and the fall of the Western Roman Empire). 	Augustine Christianity farmer-warrior	Sutton Hoo thane thatch		
☐ The name 'Angles' eventually became 'English' and their land, 'Angleland', became 'England'.	Hengest and Horsa	Vortigern wattle-and-daub		
□ 'England' as a country did not come into existence for hundreds of years after the Anglo-Saxons arrived. Instead, seven major Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, each with their own kings, were carved out of the conquered areas: Northumbria, East Anglia, Essex, Sussex, Kent, Wessex and Mercia.	Jutes Lindisfarne manuscript mead	weregeld wergild Witan monk		
Anglo-Saxon settlements, place names and aspects of their life still remain.				
 They fought for control of Britain with the Vikings The Anglo-Saxon period ended when the Normans conquered Britain in 1066 (but they didn't leave). 				
Sticky Knowledge about the Vikings	Asgard	longships		
The Vikings originated in what is now Denmark, Norway and Sweden	berserkers	misconception		
 (although centuries before they became unified countries). Their homeland was overwhelmingly rural, with almost no towns. Not all Vikings were warriors; most earned a living through 	chainmail chieftain Danegeld	Odin pagan raid		
agriculture, or along the coast, by fishing. Many came in peace and settled as farmers.	Danelaw farmer-warrior	raids runes		

The lands that the Vikings occupied in Britain were known as Danelaw.	feast	Scandinavia	
Vikings spoke Norse, which had an alphabet made up of runes.	figurehead	trade	
The Vikings, or "Vikingr" in Old Norse, is the collective term used to	Jorvik	Valhalla	
describe the Scandinavian explorers, traders and warriors who	longhouse	vicious	
raided, traded, explored and settled across large parts of Europe			
Longships were designed to sail in both deep and shallow water so that			
they could get close to the shore and sail in rivers to get inland.			
Vikings were pagans and, in 793, armed raiders attacked the			
defenceless monastery of St Cuthbert on Lindisfarne off the coast of			
Northumbria and made off with a haul of treasure and captives.			
Vikings believed in Gods and that a special place was reserved for			
warriors - Valhalla			
The most important Viking British city was the capital of			
Northumbria, Jorvik (as it was known by the Vikings), which fell to			
the Viking Great Army in 866.			

Hi	History - KS2				
	Key Knowledge Key Vocabulary				
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	cky Knowledge about the Legacy of The Ancient Greeks Our democracy and our judicial system was founded on the methods of government used by the Ancient Greece	philosophy Athenians Attica	Acropolis polis city-state	Agora Hellenistic Phalanx	
	Events at the Ancient Greek Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.	Spartans democracy	, Parthenon Marathon	Aristocrat mythology	
	The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their various gods.	Olympics truce	citizen philosopher	column hoplite	
	Mathematicians and scientists, (such as Euclid, Aristotle, Pythagoras, Erastothenes, Archimedes, Hippocrates) laid the foundations of those subjects we still use today. Archimedes theorem, The Hippocratic Oath, etc.	Zeus Apollo anarchy oligarchy	alphabet tragedy sacred truce temple	Peninsula oracle barbarian Helen of Troy	
	The Ancient Greek vocabulary/language gave us words we use today: alphabet, metropolis, anarchy,	archaic deity	terra-cotta Achilles		
	cky Knowledge about Crime and Punishment over time	crime	justice	hate crime	
	A crime is something a person does that is against the law. Punishment is a penalty for doing something wrong.	confinement punishment	prison Corporal	forgiveness causes of	
	Crime and punishment has changed over time in Britain since the Roman invasion.	deterrence protection	Punishment Capital	crime sanctity of	
	Smuggling in the 18 th century was to evade the high tax and custom duties paid on the import of goods such as tea, cloth, wine and spirits. The tax was high, up to 30%, so these items became expensive	retribution reformation jury laws	Punishment Community service theft	crime revenge unjust law trial	
	Sir Robert Peel introduced the police force in the Victorian Era. When someone commits a crime, they are charged. A 'charge sheet' sets out the details of the crime they are being charged with determining whether they are bailed until going to court or kept in police custody until they are taken to court for their hearing.	rights smuggling	prosecute defend/defenc e victim outlaw	sentence evidence highwayman	
	The government or police force investigates crimes today. Cases can go to court to ensure justice.				
Sti	cky Knowledge about our Local History	charity	primary	vevidence	
	The name 'Bramcote' was derived from 'dwelling in the broom'. (Broom, the flower	alms benefactors	secondo	ary evidence	
	Bramcote is mentioned in the Domesday book Bruncote or Broncote in the Wapentake of Broxtowe.	toll house turnpike			
	Framework knitting mining and farming were the main forms of employment for people living in Bramcote in the first half of the 19 th Century				
	The toll house was where people paid to travel in and out of Nottingham				
	The Sherwin, the Hanley, and Longden families and the important member of the Bramcote area due to their buildings and giving of alms.				

Hi	History - KS2				
	zy Knowledge	Key Vocabulary			
	ar 6	100/ 1000001011/			
	icky Knowledge about the WW2 (Coding)	Allies	Civilians		
	The Second World War started on 3 rd September 1939 and ended in 1945. It was the biggest war in History and first war to use more than 60 countries When Germany lost WW1 in 1918, Germans were living in poverty with many starving. They had debts to pay and Germany had to give up land and were not allowed an army of their own. This was a punishment for starting the war.	Axis Adolf Hitler Winston Churchill Neville Chamberlin Luftwaffe Anderson Shelter	Nazi Party invasion declared Blitz seaborne D-Day Gas masks		
	In 1933, a man named Adolf Hitler became leader of the German government. Hitler was head of the Nazi party.	Morrison Shelter Public shelter	ARP wardens		
	On the 1 st September 1939, Germany invaded Poland. Britain declared War on the 3 rd September 1939. There were two different sides during the War, the Axis and Allies.				
	From September 1940 until May 1941 Germany flew thousands of bomber planers (Luftwaffe) over Britain and dropped bombs on cities, factories and houses. It was known as the Blitz.				
	D-Day was the largest seaborne invasion in History. It happened on June 6, 1944 in Normandy.				
	Coding at Bletchley Park played a significant role in WW2. Work at Bletchley began prior to WW2. All people working at Bletchley had to sign the Official Secret Acts. By the end of WW2, 10,000 people, mainly				
۵	women were working at Bletchley. At Bletchley, Alan Turing and a group of mathematicians created the BOMBE machine which could create cyphers enabling them to decode and				
	crack cyphers at a faster rate. The Allies had to send out 'false messages' from German prisoner of war spies so they didn't realise the Enigma machine had been cracked. The team at Bletchley played a significant role in the Battle of the Atlantic.				
St	icky Knowledge about the Early Islamic Civilization	caliphate			
	For approximately 1000 years, after AD 700, there was an extraordinary amount of activity from Baghdad to North Africa, from Spain to China	culture empire			
	Developments there outstripped those of anywhere else in the world. There was free education, free health care, public baths, paved streets (lit at night) litter collection and sewage systems.	Middle East Observatory Pagan			
	Baghdad was a great city where important developments took place in Mathematics and Science	Qur'an religion			
	Baghdad was on the Silk Road so was a centre for trade, and attractive because of its water supply and fertile soil	scholar trade			
	The House of Wisdom was built primarily as a library. The writings of the Greeks, Romans and Arabs were collected here. Scholars and philosophers, such as Aristotle and Plato, had their ideas translated here.				
	This Golden Age of Islam left a wonderful legacy of things we use today including algebra, Arabic numerals, mechanical clocks, cameras etc				
	Nothing of the old city of Baghdad remains after it was destroyed in the 13th century but there are wonderful remains elsewhere from this time such as those in Spanish cities such as Cordoba and Granada.				