

Preston Primary School Knowledge Organiser

History: How does the history of Baghdad compare to the history of London?

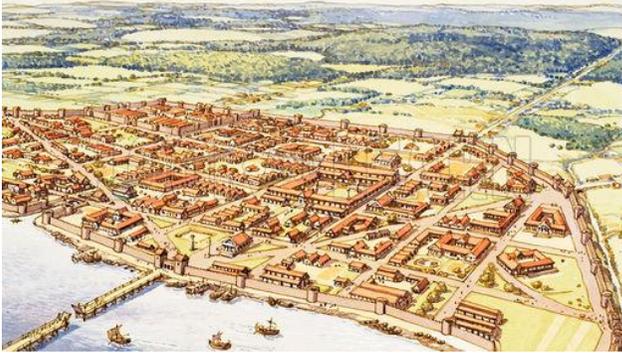
Term: Spring 2

Unit 4 - Year 5 and 6

Duration: 6 weeks

London

Originally 'Londinium' was founded by the Romans in 47 CE



Founded on the River Thames

Baghdad

Founded by Abbasid Caliph al-Mansur in 762 CE



Founded on the River Tigris

The Islamic Empire stretched from Spain to parts of India



Both London and Baghdad were located on key trade routes.



Wooden houses in London grew closer together, making the streets narrow and crowded.

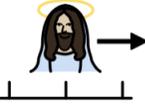
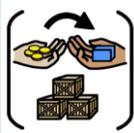
When the Great Plague hit London, it spread quickly. In 1666, there was the 'Great Fire of London', which burned quickly through the narrow wooden houses. This killed many of the rats that carried the plague and cleared areas could then be rebuilt out of stone and brick.



Hulagu Khan

Grandson of Gengis Khan, Hulagu Khan led the Mongolian army to siege Baghdad. When Baghdad surrendered, he led the sacking of the city, burning the House of Wisdom and killing thousands.

Key Vocabulary

Baghdad		Baghdad is the capital city of Iraq.
Capital city		The main city of a country where the government is based.
CE		CE stands for Common Era. It is a non-religious alternative to the traditional AD (Anno Domini)
Medieval		Also known as the 'Middle Ages', the period in Europe from about AD 500 to AD 1500, when castles, knights and kingdoms were common.
Islamic Golden Age		Approximately 750-1258 CE, when Baghdad became famous for learning, inventions, science, and new ideas that helped the world
Trade		Trade is the buying, selling, or exchanging of goods and resources between people, communities, or countries
House of Wisdom		A famous library and learning centre in Baghdad where scholars studied, translated, and shared knowledge from around the world.
Mongol		A Mongol is a person from Mongolia or part of the Mongol Empire, a large group of nomadic people known for their horses and warriors.