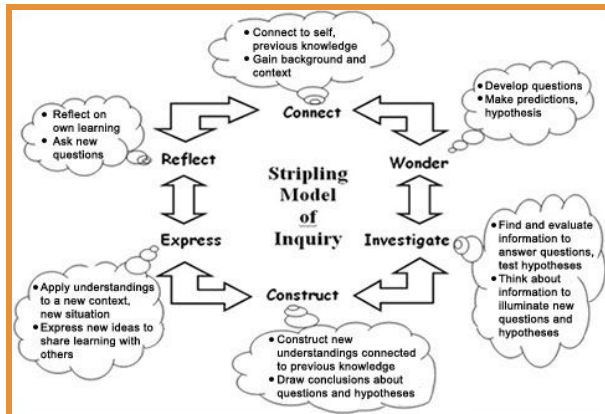


# Postcards from the Islamic World

## World History I

### Researching the Islamic World

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*You are fortunate to have a world of information available literally at your fingertips. Even so, you must keep in mind that conducting research is a process that involves questioning, critical thinking, analysis and evaluation.*

*In order to thoroughly research and educate yourself about any topic, you must read about the subject in a variety of different academic and scholarly sources. Do not “just Google it” and select whatever sites pop up at the top of the list.*

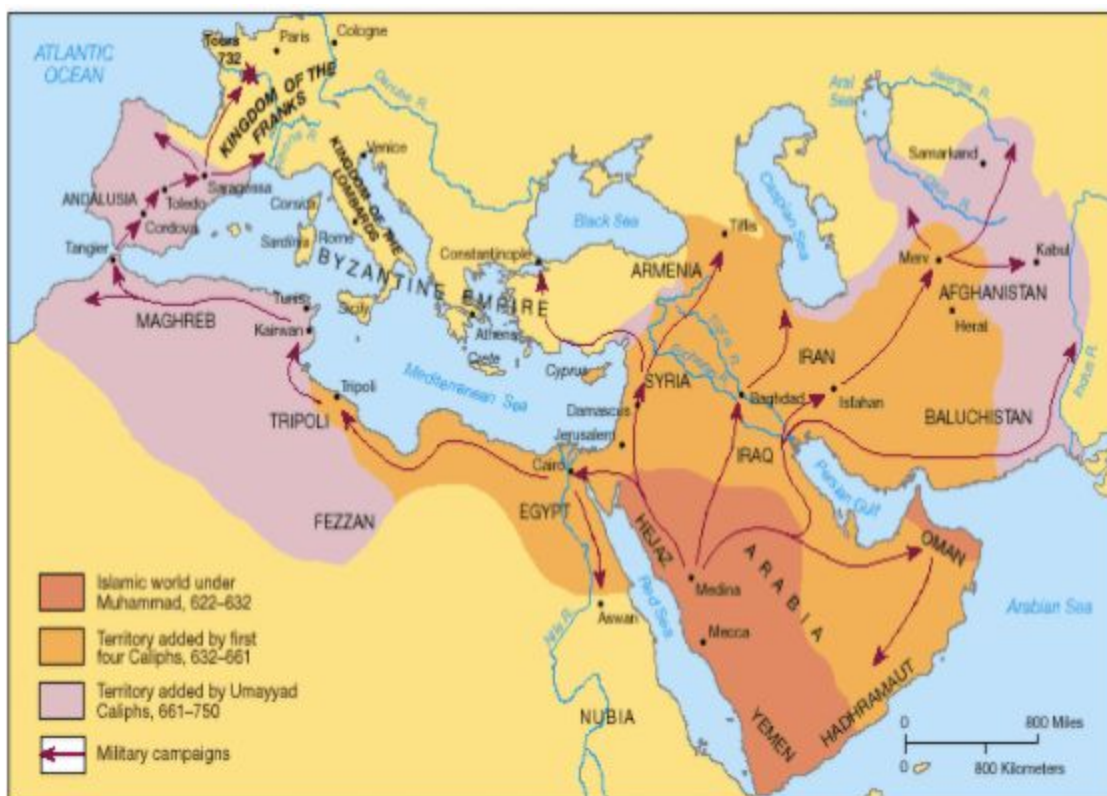
*If you want to perform a web search, I recommend the search engine [RefSeek](http://www.refseek.com) ([www.refseek.com](http://www.refseek.com)), which is designed for students and produces more academic search results. Additionally, you should supplement your research by using all available databases, e-books and print resources.*

*Doing research is like going on an information treasure hunt. Follow the clues by clicking on links that may lead to further information. Also, check the references included at the end of articles or books to find additional resources.*

*Happy Reading!!*

*Mrs. Walkins*

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### Potential Search Terms

Mix and match these potential terms in a series of search strings to locate the best resources and the most fascinating information.

Achievements  
Advances  
Arab  
Art  
Calligraphy  
Cartography  
City names  
Contributions

Education  
Golden Age  
Inventions  
Learning  
Maps  
Mathematics  
Medicine  
Music

Muslim  
Names of historical figures  
Science  
Scientific  
Spread of Islam

## Britannica Online



The **Britannica online encyclopedia** is an excellent place to begin your research. The articles will provide a general overview of your topic, as well as links to additional resources, including images and other media files. Access our subscription to Britannica through the [Learning Commons](#) page on the SJP website.

Sample articles:

[Chronology](#)

[Islamic Arts](#)

[Mosque](#)

## Databases

You can access the **Gale Databases** on the [Learning Commons](#) website. Each database includes numerous articles from reputable scholarly journals and magazines which will provide valuable information.

*World History in Context*

*World History Collection*

*Academic OneFile*

*Fine Arts and Music Collection*

*Religion and Philosophy Collection*

## Recommended Websites

[Ancient History Encyclopedia](#)

[BBC Religions: Islam](#)

[Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilisation](#)

[Google Arts and Culture](#)

[Khan Academy: World History](#)

[The World with MNR](#)

## Print Resources and E-Books

*Al-Khwarizmi: the inventor of algebra*

*Ancient Communication*

*Ancient Construction (ebook)*

*Ancient Mathematicians*

*Ancient Philosophy*

*Britannica Encyclopedia of World Religions*

*(ebook)*

*The Spread of Islam*

*The Civilization of the Islamic World*

*Global trade in the Ancient world*

*Islam and Science, Medicine and*

*Technology*

## Evaluating your Sources

Always search for information from reliable and scholarly sources. Don't forget to evaluate the websites you consult in your search for advances in Islamic science, art and culture.

[CRAAP Test Score Card](#)

## Citing Images



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## MLA Documentation Style



We use the MLA (Modern Language Association) documentation style at SJP. In a handbook the scholars at the MLA spell out certain formatting and citation rules you must follow on all research projects.

Purdue University's [Online Writing Lab](#) website is a great resource to use when creating your Works Cited page and formatting your research paper.

## Research Tools and Resources

[How to Create a Works Cited Page \(Google Slides\)](#)

[Article Citation Practice Template](#)

[MLA Formatting Rules Overview](#)

[Image Citation Practice Template](#)