



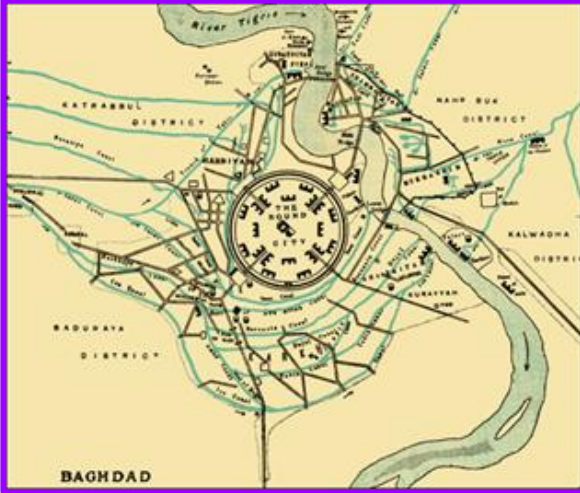
Runnymede St. Edwards School – Knowledge Organiser

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Baghdad

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In 762 a great Muslim ruler, al-Mansur laid the first brick of Baghdad. It was just a tiny village but the Muslim Arabs conquered the land built a famous city.

The Arabs studied that stars and used Astrology to help plan the city.

Al-Mansur set fire to cotton seeds to see the layout of his city before he laid the first brick.

Vocabulary

Baghdad	Built to be the capital of the Muslim world.
Dirhams	Coins from the reign of al-Mansur, made to celebrate the new city.
Astrologers	People who study the stars and use them to predict the future.
Descendants	Your children, their children and all that come from them forever.
Silk Roads	Land routes used to trade goods between countries.
Decree	An order sent out by a ruler which must be followed.
Madrasas	Colleges for learning.
Astrolabe	A device used to find your position by using the stars.
Astrology	Not a recognised Science - a way to predict the future with the stars.

Building the perfect city

For years farmers had been taking water from the River Tigris and the River Euphrates to irrigate the land and grow crops. The rich farming land was attractive to Arabs. Baghdad was in the middle of the whole Islamic world, it had rich farming land and had good connections to distant lands.

He sent out a decree to find the most skilled workmen. He could pay them well because his people paid taxes.

Astronomy, Maths & Geography

The book of Geometry by Euclid organised all the maths knowledge the Greeks had built over 2000 years. It was protected and translated into many languages.

The Arabs learnt Maths from India. Maths was needed to measure land, canals, buildings, the price of goods and to calculate the movement of the stars.