

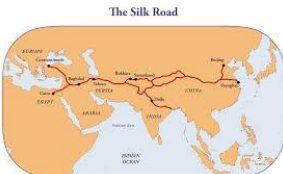







## The big history of the Middle East

Term	Definition	Image
1. Mesopotamia	The first civilisations grew here, between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, c. 3000 BC.	
2. Jerusalem	Here Jesus preached and died in 1 <sup>st</sup> century AD; Muslims also believe Muhammed rose to visit heaven from Jerusalem.	
3. Silk Roads	An important trade network in the ancient and medieval world that connected N. Africa, the Middle East and Asia.	
4. Muhammed founds a new religion...	...Islam, in the 7 <sup>th</sup> century AD.	
5. Empires	When one city-state rules over others; for example, the Roman or Persian Empires.	
6. The Caliphates	The Islamic Empires created by Muhammed and his successors, 7 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> century.	
7. Caliph	A ruler of the Islamic Empires	
<b>Medieval Baghdad</b>		
8. Baghdad	The capital of the Islamic (Abbasid) Caliphate, founded in 762 AD.	
9. House of Wisdom	Major centre of learning in Baghdad. The largest library in the world at the time.	