

Golden Age of Islam Essay Outline

Name: _____ Date: _____ Block: _____ #

The 1001 Inventions Muslim Heritage Committee is applying to bring their displays of Muslim Achievements to the Boston Museum of Science (so we can go on a field trip!). Write an essay that supports their application by proving that there was a Muslim Golden Age worthy of exploring further with this display.

Introduction: (statement supporting application, define Golden Age, preview of reasons you'll use as supporting evidence)

This essay is in support of the application of the Muslim Heritage Committee to bring their display to the Boston Museum of Science.
Golden Age did exist - a time of prosperity and innovation - this can be proven by examining advancements in the areas of _____, _____ and _____

Claim #1 : State your point (identify the first area of achievement you'll support)

Provide your evidence (innovations/inventions/understandings related to area of achievement)

Explain your evidence (how did your evidence improve/help peoples' lives then and perhaps even impact present day?)

Claim #2 : State your point (identify the second area of achievement you'll support)

Provide your evidence (innovations/inventions/understandings related to area of achievement)

Explain your evidence (how did your evidence improve/help peoples' lives then and perhaps even impact present day?)

Claim #3 : State your point (identify the third area of achievement you'll support)

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Provide your evidence (innovations/inventions/understandings related to area of achievement)

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Explain your evidence (how did your evidence improve/help peoples' lives then and perhaps even impact present day?)

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Conclusion: 1. summarize your evidence, 2. restate your support of the museum display

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Example : State your claim (identify the area of achievement you'll support)

Muslims made inventions and discoveries in the area agriculture

Provide your evidence (innovations/inventions/understandings related to area of achievement)

crop rotation (growing different crops in different seasons on same land); underground canals called qanats to irrigate; cataloging of plant/animal species and writing of agricultural manuals

Explain your evidence (how did your evidence improve/help peoples' lives then and/or impact present day?)

land that was farmed became more productive - minerals weren't depleted as quickly and water was resourced more efficiently; knowledge that was written down helped farmers in all different locations know when to plant, harvest, fertilize, how to fight pests (again increasing production and supporting larger populations)