

UKS2 Topic: Early Islamic Civilisation

Block A:
Everyday life in Baghdad

Session 4
Resource pack

Suggestions of film themes and formats

Theme: Baghdad's geographical location
- A key link in the silk road supply chain.

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- A multicultural mixing pot.

Theme: The design of the city: Dar Alsalaam
- A peaceful round city.

Theme: The House of Wisdom: Maths department.

Theme: The House of Wisdom:
Poets' corner/Writers' corner.

Theme: The routines of daily life:
Life revolving around prayer times.

Theme: The routines of daily life:
Meeting people from the city's outer ring.

Theme:

Format: A news report of an important event:
studio-based.

Format: A news report of an important event:
on location.

Format: 'Vlog'-style video diary
- 'selfie' style by a person living/working in
Baghdad.

Format: 'Holiday snaps' by a person visiting Baghdad.

Format: A factual documentary
- based on stills of the city.

Format: A factual documentary
- 'roving reporter' style.

Format Interviews with key people.

Format:

Teacher's notes on making movies

There are a number of options available for making movies, depending on:

- the hardware/ software you have available;
- the children's expertise;
- how willing you are to teach/ learn new skills.

Examples of films, as well as user tutorials, for all of the following pieces of software are available online, e.g. via YouTube, should you wish to compare them before committing to use.

1. Microsoft PowerPoint

A tool that you and the children will probably be familiar with. It might be a good opportunity, however, to develop knowledge of some of the functionality relating to *Transition, Animation and Slideshow*. *Insert video* and *audio* may also be useful features.

2. Windows Moviemaker

A piece of software that is a free download for Microsoft users, available from <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/movie-maker>. The user can upload and edit together images, film clips and sound files, then add credits to the beginning and end of the finished film.

3. Android apps

Users of mobile computing devices running the Android operating system have many free apps available to create movies. A selection includes:

- 'MiniMovie-Slideshow Video Edit':
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.asus.microfilm>
- Movie Creator:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sonymobile.moviecreator.rmm>
- VivaVideo:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.quvideo.xiaoying>

4. iOS apps

Users of mobile computing devices such as iPads running 'iOS' also have apps available to create movies. A selection includes:

- iMovie
<http://www.apple.com/uk/ios/imovie/>
- VidLab - Video Editor & Movie Maker
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/vidlab-video-movie-maker/id791557660?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D8>
- Magisto Video Editor & Movie Maker
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/magisto-magical-video-editor/id486781045?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D8>

The 'Golden Age of Baghdad' - Film Planning and Storyboarding

Film title	Subject matter: Baghdad's geographical location/ The design of the city/ The House of Wisdom/ Routines of daily life		
Format of the film , e.g. news report of an important event/ 'vlog'-style video diary capturing everyday events/ factual documentary/interviews with key people.	Who is our intended audience and how will we target them?		
What more do we need to find out?	What type of sound effects and/or background music will we need? [Sound effects: http://www.freesoundeffects.com/ Background music: http://freemusicarchive.org/genre/Middle_East/ ; http://www.partnersinrhyme.com/]		
Storyboard (a series of sketches that outlines the sequence of 'scenes' or main events in your film, e.g. http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/myplacemyspace/promote-your-day-out/with-film/sample-storyboard.shtml , with an indication of the type of camera shot/ angle and sometimes with an idea of timings.			