**III. Muslim Culture**

1. Role of Women

* Qur’an states that “men are the managers of the affairs of women”
* Women are suppose to be obedient and submit to men
* Qur’an also states that men and women are equal in God’s eyes
* Muslim women had more property and economic rights than European women of the time
* All males had to do to divorce his wife was repeat “I dismiss thee” three times
* **Burka –**
* Quran states that a woman’s beauty should not be displayed to others than her husband or family members

1. Islam’s Golden Age

* After the fall of Rome in 476, learning becomes less important in Europe
* Muslims preserved and advanced Greek and Roman knowledge
* Math and science helped believers find Mecca’s direction during prayer
* **House of Wisdom –**
* Much of what we know about Ancient Greece and Rome is because of Muslim scholars
* Muslims scholars used many Greek and Roman ideas in new ways
* Also showed that religion and science and coexist with each other

**Most Important Result**

* European scholars discovered the knowledge of Muslim scholars and drew upon it to create the Renaissance

1. Muslim Literature

* ***The Thousand and One Nights***–
* Story of a king who marries a wife and has her killed the next day
* Falls in love with a women who tells him stories for 1,001 nights
* **Famous Quote:**

1. Medical Advances

* **Al-Razi –**
* His book became the most common medical book in the world until the 1800s

1. Muslim Art

* Islam outlawed depictions of humans and animals on religious buildings
* **Calligraphy –**

1. Math and Science

* Muslims used scientific observation and experimentation to solve scientific problems
* **Algebra –**
* Also give us Arabic numeral, trigonometry, and calculus