



Hip Hop History: Islamic Civilization

Verse:

Arabia is one of the world's driest places
Many people there depend on water from **oases**
People who lived in the desert were known as
Bedouins, or Arab nomads
In Arabia, grew the religion of Islam
Muslims believe that Muhammad was a messenger of God
Islam's holy book is known as the **Quran**
Which is believed to contain Muhammad's revelations from God
The **Sunnah**, or traditions of Muhammad,
Provide guidelines for the proper way to live
The principal belief is that there's one God
And that Muslims should follow the Five Pillars of Islam:
Belief, prayer, charity, fasting, pilgrimage to Mecca
The holy city, this pilgrimage is known as the **Hajj**
A house of worship is a **mosque**

Sharia, "the way," is law

The early Arab Muslim empire was ruled by **caliphs**
Over the question of succession early Muslims split
Into two groups: the **Sunnis** and the **Shias**
Rulers of later Muslim states were **sultans**
A wide range of trade goods helped Muslim cities thrive
Muslims gained fame for their woven fabrics, or **textiles**
Advancements in philosophy, and medicine, too
And in science and math with **Arabic numerals**

Chorus:

How are religion and culture connected?
Look at Islam and how much it affected
The Arab world, the Muslim empire
Religion and culture connected (Right!)