

570

**Muhammad is
born in the city
of Mecca**

610

**The religion of Islam begins
when Muhammad receives
the first revelations of the
Quran.**

622

Muhammad and his followers move to Medina to escape persecution in Mecca. This migration becomes known as the "Hijrah" and marks the beginning of the Islamic calendar.

630

Muhammad returns to Mecca and gains control of the city. Mecca becomes the centre of the Islamic world.

632

Muhammad dies and Abu Bakr succeeds Muhammad as leader of the Islam faith. He is the first of the four "Rightly Guided" Caliphs. This also marks the beginning of the Rashidun Caliphate.

634

**Umar becomes the second Caliph.
The Islamic Empire expands during
his rule to include much of the
Middle East including Iraq, Egypt,
Syria, and part of North Africa.**

644

**Uthman becomes the third
Caliph. He will create the
standardised version of the
Quran.**

656

**Ali bin Talib
becomes the
fourth Caliph.**

661 - 750

**The Umayyad Caliphate
takes control after Ali is
assassinated. They move the
capital city to Damascus.**

680

**Hussein, the son of
Ali, is killed at
Karbala.**

692

**The Dome of the
Rock is completed in
Jerusalem.**

711

Muslims enter Spain from Morocco. They will eventually gain control of most of the Iberian Peninsula.

732

**The Islamic army pushes
into France until they are
defeated by Charles Martel
at the Battle of Tours.**

750 - 1258

The Abbasid Caliphate takes control and builds a new capital city called Baghdad. The Islamic Empire experiences a period of scientific and artistic achievement that will later be called the Golden Age of Islam.

780

**Mathematician and
scientist al-Khwarizmi is
born. He is known as the
"Father of Algebra."**

972

**Al-Azhar University
in Cairo, Egypt is
founded.**

1025

Ibn Sina completes his encyclopedia of medicine called The Canon of Medicine. It will become the standard medical textbook throughout Europe and the Middle East for hundreds of years.

1048

**Famous poet and
scientist Omar
Khayyam is born.**

1099

**Christian armies
recapture Jerusalem
during the First Crusade.**

1187

**Saladin
retakes the city
of Jerusalem.**

1258

**The Mongol army sacks
the city of Baghdad
destroying much of the
city and killing the Caliph.**

1261 - 1517

**The Abbasid Caliphate
establishes the Caliphate in
Cairo, Egypt. They have religious
authority, but the Mamluks hold
the military and political power.**

1325

**Famous Muslim
traveller Ibn Battuta
begins his travels.**

1453

The Ottomans take the city of Constantinople bringing an end to the Byzantine Empire.

1492

After being pushed back for centuries, the last Islamic stronghold in Spain is defeated at Granada.

1517 - 1924

**The Ottoman Empire
conquers Egypt and
claims the Caliphate.**

1526

**The Mughal Empire
is established in
India.**

1529

The Ottoman Empire is defeated at the Siege of Vienna stopping the advance of the Ottomans into Europe.

1653

The Taj Mahal, a tomb for the wife of the Mughal Emperor, is completed in India.

1924

**The Caliphate is
abolished by Mustafa
Ataturk, the first
President of Turkey.**