

# Arabian Nights Webquestionnaire

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**Part One:** Here are some general background questions on Islamic history. Be sure to answer using complete sentences.

- . What years did the Abbasid Empire span?
  
- . Where was the Abbasid capital?
  
- . What influence did the location have on their openness to other cultures?
  
  
- . Find an **animation** showing the disintegration of the Abbasid Empire. Which provinces were lost first? In what part of the Empire?
  
  
- . Find a **description** of the Ottoman way of life. What is a harem?
  
  
- . Find an **image** of Persian Baghdad. What are the people in the foreground doing. What river is depicted?

**Part Two:** Here are some questions about the collection of stories known as “The Arabian Nights” or “The Tales of , Nights.”

- . Name some of the countries in which the tales in “Arabian Nights” originated.

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. Name two of the most famous translators of the tales.

. Who is the narrator of the tales?

. What is the name of the king to whom she is married?

. What has the king done to his previous wives? Why?

. Find the **story** "The Caliph of Baghdad."

What is the name of the grand vizir?

. What punishment does the blind beggar ask for?

. Find some **illustrations** from “ , Nights.”

Who is your favorite illustrator of , Nights? Why? Feel free to attach a printout of your favorite illustration!

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