

## **World Religions**

### **Islamic Art**

*The Islamic empires of the Middle Ages made many contributions to the modern world in mathematics, astronomy, medicine, and historic preservation of the classical world. But perhaps one of the most important, and often overlooked, contributions was in the world of art. Today you will investigate an aspect of Islamic art; calligraphy, architecture, or poetry. You and your partner may choose any of these three topics and following instructions below:*

#### **Calligraphy**

Read the article titled “Islamic Art.” Highlight information about calligraphy. Then use the websites [al-bab.com](http://al-bab.com) and [arabiccalligraphy.com](http://arabiccalligraphy.com) (click on “Gallery”) to find pictures of Islamic calligraphy. Print out at least two pictures of Islamic calligraphy and in a brief paragraph explain how they illustrate information from the article.

#### **Architecture**

Read the article titled “Islamic Art.” Highlight information about architecture. Then use the website [islamic-architecture.info](http://islamic-architecture.info) to find pictures of Islamic architecture. Print out at least two pictures of Islamic architecture and in a brief paragraph explain how they illustrate information from the article.

#### **Poetry**

Read the article titled “Islamic Poetry.” Highlight information about poetry. Then use the “Literature Resource Center database” [Hint: try searching on two well-known poets named “Rumi” and “Omar Khayyam.”] Print out at least two poems or excerpts of poems and in a brief paragraph explain how they illustrate information from the article.