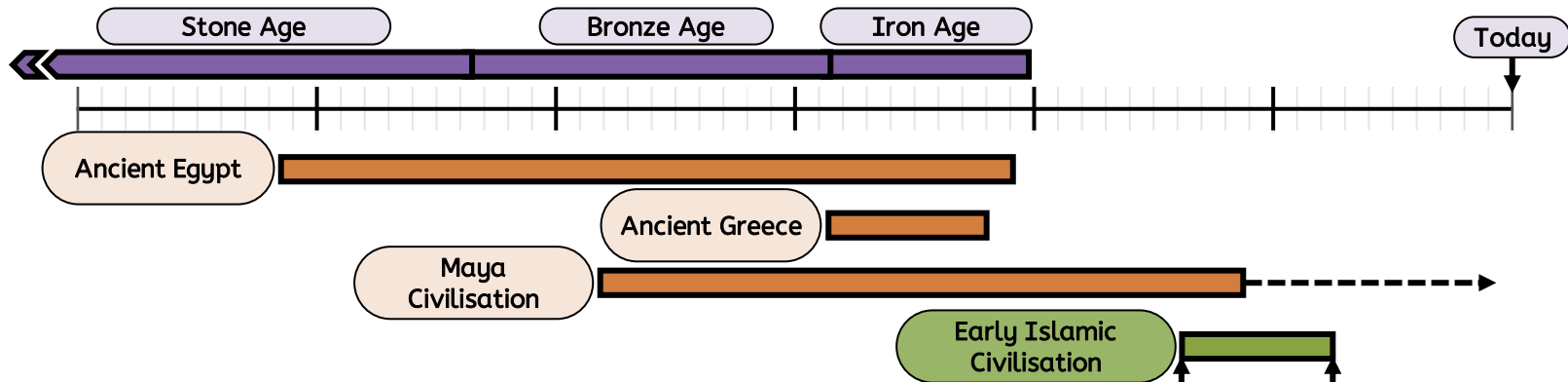


Early Islamic Civilisation

Timeline



Geography



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610 (7th century)
Muhammad
starts delivering
message of
Islam

1258
Baghdad destroyed
by Mongols

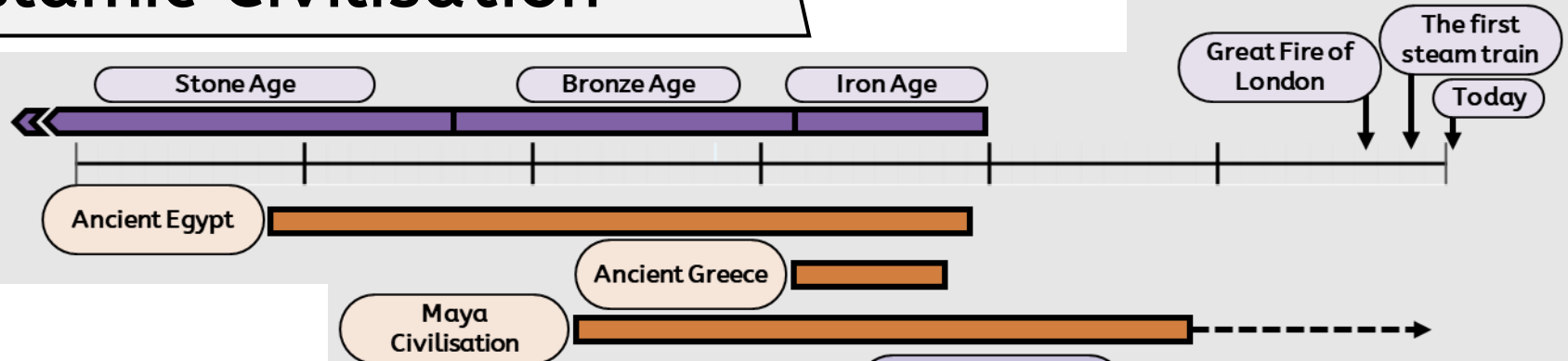
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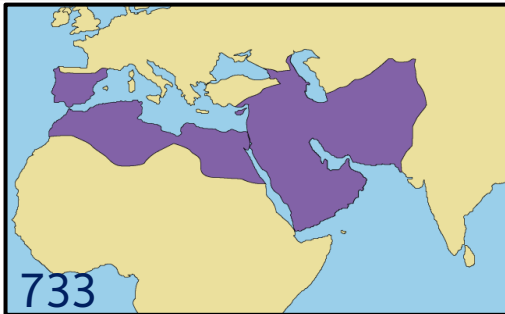


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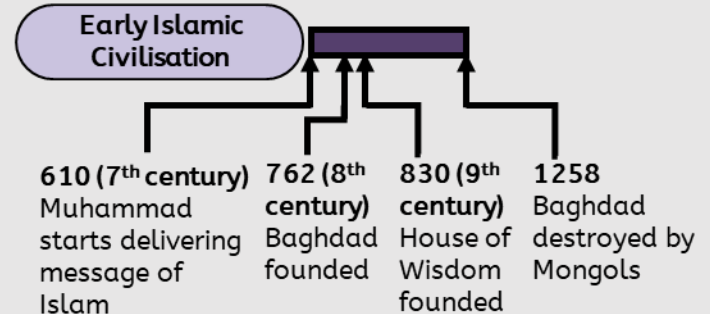
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Key knowledge

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- The **House of Wisdom** was founded in the capital city of **Baghdad**. It was a library and meeting place for **scholars** of all backgrounds.
- Early Islamic scholars built on the ideas of other civilisations and made new developments. For example, **Al Khwarizmi** gave us the word 'algebra' and introduced the numbers 0-9 into Europe. **Ibn Al-Haytham** who proved that we see when light enters our eyes
- In 1258, a Mongol army attacked Baghdad. They killed scholars and threw books from the House of Wisdom into the river.

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