

Year 5 - Nightjars

ART

Autumn 1

Islamic Art



What is Islamic art?

Islamic art is art made as part of the religion of *Islam* and forms part of religious life. It can also mean art that is created by Muslim artists or in lands that were ruled by Muslim leaders. Examples of Islamic art can be found on objects such as prayer mats and ornaments, and in places such as mosques,

Examples of Islamic art

These pictures are of from The Nasrid Palaces which are in The Alhambra (a big fortress and palace complex) in Granada, Spain. The Nasrid Palaces is a unique palatial complex that represents the top of Islamic art and culture in Spain. It is one of the most famous monuments of Islamic architecture and one of the best-preserved palaces of the historic Islamic world. It dates from the 14th century.



Court of Lions



Plasterwork



Geometric Tilework



Plasterwork Calligraphy

Key Vocabulary	Definition
architecture	The art and science of designing and building structures, like buildings or bridges.
calligraphy	Decorative handwriting.
dome	The hollow, upper half of a sphere, often used in Islamic architecture.
figural	Art work showing humans or animals.
geometric pattern	Patterns made of geometric shapes such as triangles, squares, circles etc.
Islamic	Relating to the religion of Islam or the Islamic world.
mausoleum	A big, fancy building built above ground to hold a person or people's bodies or ashes.
minaret	A thin tower, usually part of a mosque, from which a person calls Muslims to prayer.
mosque	Place of worship for Muslims.
muqarnas	A unique, three-dimensional decorative and structural element in Islamic architecture.
symmetrical	A shape has matching halves that are mirror images of each other.
vegetal pattern	Patterns made of shapes and lines that represent plants.

Architecture

The Dome of the Rock

Jerusalem, Israel. Built 691



The Taj Mahal

Agra, India. Built 1632

