

# MAPS

## WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

A map is representation of a portion of the earth's surface on a flat surface.

A smaller distance shows the exact distance on the map, i.e., it is drawn to scale.

The globe is a model of the earth.

In 1082, Ibrahim al-Sahdi of Valencia constructed the oldest known globe, which was a brass sphere.

Mapping of the earth began as early as 840. Sulaiman al-Tajir's account of the countries in the Far East dates 425 years before Marco Polo's travels.

Road maps were printed, depicting routes from Baghdad to various countries where the Muslims travelled, viz. China, India, Russia, Turkey, Spain and Africa.

The maps of Muhammad al-Idrisi were crowning achievements of medieval mapwork.

Ahmad al-Yaqubi of Armenia wrote a book of countries in 891.

Abdallah Yaqut was one of the greatest medieval geographers. In his encyclopaedia, Mujam al-Buldam summed up all medieval knowledge of the globe.

## Worksheet

1) Upon reflection of the above lesson, what is the difference between Muslims of the past and Muslims of today?

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2) What is meant by the term, *scale*?

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