

Islamic Empire and Europe Comparison



Can you cut out and sort the statements into whether it relates to the Islamic Empire or Europe in around AD 1000?

The Islamic Empire AD 1000	Europe AD 1000

Very few books and hardly any readers.

General peace across a huge empire.

Very poor mathematics using Roman numerals and no zero.

Many wars between kingdoms.

Used advanced mathematics using Arabic numbers and zero.

Gathered and used books from the ancient Greeks/Romans.

Unsafe water supplies and very little drainage in cities.

Religion tended to be "blind" faith.

About 20,000 people lived in London and its suburbs.

Millions of books and many thousands of readers.

Religion tended to encourage scientific study.

Clean water and good drainage in cities.

Ignored the writings of ancient Greeks and Romans.

About one million people lived in Baghdad and its suburbs.