

Arabian Nights	A collection of folk tales set in Arabia. First collected and translated in to Arabic around 1,100 year ago.
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Geography

Arabia	Many countries in the west of Asia, now the Middle East, used to belong to one country called Arabia.
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Landscape and Climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy desert: large area of land with little to no rain. • Arid climate: hot and dry
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United Kingdom

Persia

Arabia

Storytelling

Folk Tales	A well-known story, or collection of stories, that could be set anywhere or anytime, that is passed on orally.
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Storytelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important for entertainment • To pass on culture and beliefs
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Rulers	
caliph caliph	The ruler of several areas joined together (a caliphate).
sultan sultan	The ruler of one area.
vizier Vizier	Person whose job it was to give a ruler advice.
People	
nomads nomads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of a tribe who travelled around the desert on camels • Carried all their belongings • Lived in tents
Settlers settlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlers lived in cities or rural areas such as town, villages or oases. • There were a few important cities that were centres of culture (Mecca, Medina, Damascus)
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robes and headscarves made of light material were common. • This was to stay cool in the desert heat.
Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buying and selling things, usually from other countries • This was very important as Arabia could not always grow everything it needed • Goods were brought from other countries by boat • Goods were moved across the country by the nomadic tribes
souk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A market at the centre of a city or town • A place to buy and sell things • Also a gathering place where poets, singers and dancers often performed.
Transport	
Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly by camel, as they are well adapted to the desert • Horse or donkey and cart
Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ships were powered by rowing with oars and using sails to catch the wind