

## GLOSSARY

**Allah:** is the God of the Muslims.

**Baddie:** is a bad person. **Christmas:** is a word derived from the Old English 'Christ's Mass'.

**Beatus:** copy, especially in illuminated manuscript form, of the Commentary on the Book of Revelations written by Saint Beatus of Liébana, is often just referred to as a Beatus. Many famous versions exist, especially in the Mozarabic style.

**Black Death:** forms of bubonic plague that spread over Europe in the 14th century and killed approximately a quarter of the population.

**Bubonic plague:** a serious, sometimes fatal, infection transmitted by fleas from infected rodents and characterized by high fever, weakness, and the formation of buboes, esp. in the groin and armpits.

**Christmas:** is a word derived from the Old English 'Christ's Mass'.

**Christmas crib:** nativity of Christ representation

**Dominion** or **command:** the order of the Templars had lands from the Kingdom and they offered military service in exchange. **Guilds:** an association, as of merchants or artisans, in medieval times.

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**Islam:** the religious system of the Muslims.

**Hegira:** the flight (escape) of Muhammad from Mecca to Medina in 622 A.D. It marks the beginning of the Muslim era.

**Illuminated manuscript:** is a manuscript in which the text is supplemented by the addition of decoration, such as decorated initials, borders and miniature illuminations.

**Kaaba:** the shrine in the Mecca mosque towards which prayer is directed.

**Koran:** the sacred book of the Muslims consisting of revelations orally delivered by Mohammed, and collected after his death. The Koran is written in Arabic and it has 114 chapters.

**Kufic:** the luxurious calligraphic lettering in Arabic.

**Mass:** it is the celebration of the Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Church.

**Mihrab:** a niche in the mosque indicating direction of prayer.

**Mill:** a building to grind corn, wheat, cotton, etc.

**Minaret:** the tower from which the call to worship is sounded.

**Mohammed:** the founder of the religion of Islam (died 632A.D.).

**Mumming:** is a play with masks.

**Muslim:** is a follower in the Islamic religion.

**Mecca:** is the birthplace of Mohammed and a pilgrimage site.

**Mosque:** the typical Islamic temple or place of worship.

**Muezzin:** the man who calls believers to prayer. **Order:** a group of monks and friars or formerly of knights, bound by common rule of life.

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**Paper-mill:** a mill in which paper is made.

**Parchment:** it was used to write important documents and it was made of calf or sheep skin which had been specially dried and prepared.

**Prophet:** a person who speaks by divine inspiration whom the will of a god is expressed.

**Qibla** (kiblah): it shows the direction of Mecca, towards which prayer is directed.

**Quill pen** is a pen made from a bird's feather. The best quills came from the wing feathers of a goose or a swan. The end is cut to a point similar to a modern fountain pen.

**Ragman:** person who collects or deals in rags, old clothes.

**Rags:** scraps of clothes used as material for paper. It also means old clothes.

**Templars:** a member of the knights Templars.

**Timber:** wood used as a building material.

**Scriptorium** a room used for writing, especially in a monastery.