

- Islamic Empire vs Middle East vs Arabic
  - At least 16 languages use the Arabic alphabet
  - Arabic 632-1280
  - Persian 1500-1736
  - Ottoman 1280-1923
- Koranic influence
- Kufi
  - legibility
  - Semi kufi
  - Maghrebi
- Ibn Muqlah, Ibn al-Baawab
  - Naskh
  - Thuluth
  - Muhaqqaq
  - Rayham
  - Tawqi
  - Riqa'
- Supplies
- paper/parchment
  - parchment
  - Ahar/Muqahar paper - shiny and waterproof
  - Modern options - glossy, bristol, hot press watercolor
- Ink
  - Oak gal vs Lampblack
  - Liqqa
  - Colors!
- Pen
  - Reed pens, shapes
  - Right vs left handed
- Layout - margins!
  - Alignment
  - Stretching letters



- False arabic vs Faux Arabic
  - Faux Arabic
  - Historic Best attempt
- Alternatives
  - Intralinear Translations
  - Mix decorative calligraphy with native language
- How to use google translate
  - SIMPLE sentences
  - AVOID: If/then, Fair, Patent, other words with multiple meanings
  - Chunkify the piece
  - Simplify heraldic language
  - punctuation