

### Dome of the Rock

Built in Jerusalem, Israel, The Dome of the Rock is an Islamic shrine; it was completed around 692 AD making it the oldest Islamic building in the world.



# Byzantine - Islamic (Christian)

## *Quick Facts*

- Art to glorify religion and spiritual symbolism
- Showed what we can not see (heaven and spiritual world)
- Byzantine Art was totally flat - one dimensional, no perspective, no shadows

## *Characteristics and Types*

- Mosaics, icons and frescoes
- Architecture and painting (not sculptures)



Mosaic of Madonna and Child  
Mosaic from Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. Built in 537 as a Greek Orthodox Cathedral and converted to a mosque when the Ottoman Turks conquered Constantinople in 1453. Since 1935 it has been a museum (Unesco World Heritage List, 1985).

## *Influences*

- Shift from Greco-Roman gods to Christianity
- Art of the Near East  
(art for decoration and use of glowing colors)



### Book of Hamza

This picture is in the Book of Hamza. The story is about Hamza traveling around the world teaching people about Islam. Emperor Akbar paid artists to create 1400 pictures to go with this manuscript.