

WHI.12d in a Nutshell

Increased trade and awareness of the **Middle East** occurred after the Crusades. **Muslim** and **Byzantine** scholars preserved Greek, Roman, and Arabic texts, including writings on philosophy, medicine, science, government, and law.

Working in **monasteries**, church scholars translated documents from Greek and Arabic into **Latin**, thereby further preserving and transferring Greek, Roman, and Arabic culture to Western Europe. Laid the foundations for the rise of **universities** in Europe and ensured that **Renaissance** thinkers would have access to this knowledge.