

## **Arab Paper in the Abbasid's Era As a Communication Medium**

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### **Abstract**

The Arabs have introduced an important contribution in the history of communication, usually ignored, and that was the development of paper in the eighth century A.D. on the hands of the Abbasid's dynasty which ruled Baghdad. By applying the historical communication theory, one can see paper's great impact, not only on Arabs and Moslems, but Europe and the rest of the World in general.

This industry replaced old means of communication, such as parchment and charts, and allowed for social, administrative, and scientific changes in the Arab civilization. When transferred to Europe, five hundred years later, it made Gutenberg's invention of the movable printing press possible. The objective of this paper, then, is to shed light on Arab paper industry, its introduction, use, and the impact it had on the Arab civilization and the West.

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