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Reading List for Field Examination in Islamic Civilization
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A. Reference Works. You should be familiar with all of these, refer to them as need arises, and read those parts or articles of each that strike you as significant.

The Encyclopaedia of Islam, new edition (compare with the first edition for change of focus and development of scholarship)

Encyclopaedia Iranica

J. D. Pearson, ed.. *Index Islamicus*

R. Stephen Humphreys, *Islamic History, A Framework for Inquiry*

Gerhard Endress, *An Introduction to Islam*

W. C. Brice, ed.. *An Historical Atlas of Islam*

R. Roolvinck, ed.. *Historical Atlas of the Muslim Peoples*

Francis Robinson, *Atlas of the Islamic World since 1500*

C. E. Bosworth, *The Islamic Dynasties* (second edition titled: *The New Islamic Dynasties*)

B. Surveys of Islamic History and Civilization. Read Hodgson's *Venture*, which is in a class by itself, carefully. Skim the others to get a sense of their assumptions and approach.

Marshall G. S. Hodgson, *The Venture of Islam* (3 vols.)

The Cambridge History of Islam

The Cambridge Illustrated History of Islam

The Cambridge History of Iran, vols. 4-8

The Cambridge History of Egypt (2 vols., ed. C. Petry)

An Economic and Social History of the Ottoman Empire (2 vols.)

The Legacy of Islam, second edition (compare with the first edition for change of focus and development of scholarship)

Gustave E. von Grunebaum, *Classical Islam; Medieval Islam; Modern Islam*

Bertold Spuler, *The Muslim World: A Historical Survey* (4 vols.)

Ira Lapidus, *A History of Islamic Societies*

Albert Hourani, *A History of the Arab Peoples*

H. A. R. Gibb, *Studies on the Civilization of Islam*

Bernard Lewis, ed., *Islam and the Arab World*

Dominique Sourdél and Janine Sourdél-Thomine, *La civilisation de l'islam classique*

C. Surveys of Islamic Religion and Institutions. Read Fazlur Rahman's *Islam* and skim the others to get a sense of their assumptions and approach.

Fazlur Rahman, *Islam*

H. A. R. Gibb, *Mohammedanism* [second edition retitled as: *Islam, A Historical Survey*]

Ignaz Goldziher, *Muslim Studies* (2 vols.); *Introduction to Islamic Theology and Law*

Seyyed Hossain Nasr, *Ideals and Realities of Islam*

David Waines, *An Introduction to Islam*

Reuben Levy, *The Social Structure of Islam*

Malise Ruthven, *Islam in the World*

D. Recommended Works on Specific Topics. These are either classics in the field or are often referred to or are noteworthy for other reasons. You should at least gain a sense of the contents of these books and their authors' positions and contributions.

- Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *Science and Civilization in Islam; Islamic Science, An Illustrated Study*
- Adam Mez, *The Renaissance of Islam*
- Joel Kraemer, *Humanism in the Renaissance of Islam; Philosophy in the Renaissance of Islam*
- W. M. Watt, *Islamic Theology and Philosophy; Islamic Political Thought; The Formative Period of Islamic Thought*
- E. I. J. Rosenthal, *Political Thought in Medieval Islam*
- A. K. S. Lambton, *State and Government in Medieval Islam; Theory and Practice in Medieval Persian Government*
- Franz Rosenthal, *Knowledge Triumphant: The Concept of Knowledge in Medieval Islam*
- MajidFakhry, *A History of Islamic Philosophy*
- Fazlur Rahman, *Prophecy in Islam*
- Muhsin S. Mahdi, *Ibn Khaldun 's Philosophy of History*
- Joseph Schacht, *An Introduction to Islamic Law*
- Neil J. Coulson, *A History of Islamic Law*
- George Makdisi, *The Rise of Colleges: Institutions of Learning in Islam and the West*
- B. F. Musallam, *Sex and Society in Islam*
- Reynold A. Nicholson, *A Literary History of the Arabs*
- E. G. Browne, *A Literary History of Persia* (4 vols.)
- Oleg Grabar, *The Formation of Islamic Art*
- Thomas W. Arnold, *Painting in Islam*
- Richard Ettinghausen and Oleg Grabar, *The Art and Architecture of Islam 650-1250*
- Sheila S. Blair and Jonathan M. Bloom, *The Art and Architecture of Islam 1250-1800*
- Martin Bernard Dickson and Stuart Cary Welch, *The Houghton Shahnameh* (2 vols.)
- Moojan Momen, *An Introduction to Shi 'i Islam*
- Farhad Daftary, *The Isma'ilis: Their History and Doctrines*
- A. J. Arberry, *Sufism*
- Annemarie Schimmel, *Mystical Dimensions of Islam*
- Louis Massignon, *The Passion of al-Hallaj* (4 vols.)
- J. Spencer Trimingham, *The Sufi Orders in Islam*
- W. M. Watt, Muhammad, *Prophet and Statesman*
- Patricia Crone and Michael Cook, *Hagarism*
- Fred M. Dormer, *Narratives of Islamic Origins*
- TarifKhalidi, *Arabic Historical Thought in the Classical Period*
- Franz Rosenthal, *A History of Muslim Historiography*
- Wilferd Madelung, *The Succession to Muhammad*
- Hugh Kennedy, *The Prophet and the Age of the Caliphates*
- Patricia Crone and Martin Hinds, *God's Caliph*
- R. P. Mottahedeh, *Loyalty and Leadership in an Early Islamic Society*
- Clifford Edmund Bosworth, *The Ghaznavids*
- David Morgan, *Medieval Persia, 1040-1797; The Mongols*
- Richard Bulliet, *Islam, the View from the Edge*
- S. D. Goitein, *A Mediterranean Society* (5 vols.)
- W. M. Watt and Pierre Cachia, *A History of Islamic Spain*

Selma Kh. Jayyusi, ed., *The Legacy of Muslim Spain*
 Jamil M. Abun-Nasr, *A History of the Maghrib in the Islamic Period*
 M. C. Lyons and D. E. P. Jackson, *Saladin: The Politics of the Holy War*
 Peter M. Holt, *The Age of the Crusades, The Near East from the Eleventh Century to 1517*
 Robert Irwin, *The Middle East in the Middle Ages, The Early Mamluk Sultanate 1250-1382*
 Ira Lapidus, *Muslim Cities in the Later Middle Ages*
 Bernard Lewis, *The Assassins*
 Beatrice F. Manz, *The Rise and Rule of Tamerlane*
 John E. Woods, *The Aqquyunlu*
 Speros Vryonis, Jr., *The Decline of Medieval Hellenism in Asia Minor and the Process of Islamization from the Eleventh through the Fifteenth Century*
 Cemal Kafadar, *Between Two Worlds: The Construction of the Ottoman State*
 Halil Inalcik, *The Ottoman Empire: The Classical Age*
 Comell H. Fleischer, *Bureaucrat and Intellectual in the Ottoman Empire*
 Norman Itzkowitz, *Ottoman Empire and Islamic Tradition*
 Bernard Lewis, *The Emergence of Modern Turkey*
 Niyazi Berkes, *The Development of Secularism in Modern Turkey*
 L. Carl Brown, ed., *Imperial Legacy: The Ottoman Imprint on the Balkans and the Middle East*
 Hamilton Gibb and Harold Bowen, *Islamic Society and the West* (2 vols.)
 Albert Hourani, *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age*
 Nikki Keddie, *Roots of Revolution*
 Roy Mottahedeh, *The Mantle of the Prophet*
 Roger Owen, *Middle East in the World Economy, 1800-1914*
 Edward Lane, *The Manners and Customs of the Modern Egyptians*
 Wilfred Cantwell Smith, *Islam in Modern History*
 Norman Daniel, *Islam, Europe and Empire*
 Edward W. Said, *Orientalism*
 Bernard Lewis, *The Political Language of Islam*
 Emmanuel Sivan, *Radical Islam*
 William L. Cleveland, *A History of the Modern Middle East*
The Modern Middle East: A Reader (ed. Hourani, Khoury and Wilson)
 Leila Ahmed, *Women and Gender in Islam*

E. Primary Works of Islamic Civilization. You should be familiar with the following in the original or in translation:

The Qur'an
 Ibn al-Kalbi, *The Book of Idols* (tr. Faris)
 Ibn Ishaq, *The Life of Muhammad* (tr. Guillaume)
 Baladhuri, *The Origins of the Islamic State* (tr. Hitti)
 Tabari, *History* (tr., ed. Yar-Shater, 38 vols.)
 Miskawayh, *Eclipse of the Abbasid Caliphate* (tr. Margoliouth and Amedroz, 6 vols.)
 Tanukhi, *Table-Talk of a Mesopotamian Judge* (tr. Margoliouth)
 Ibn al-Muqaffa', *Kalila ~wa Dimna* (tr. Knatohtull; Keith-Falconer; Arberry)
 Jahiz (tr. Pellat)
 Nadim, *The Fihrist, A Tenth-Century Survey of Muslim Culture* (tr. Dodge)
 Malik, *Al-Mu-watta* (tr. Bewley)

Shafi'i, *Islamic Jurisprudence* (tr. Khadduri)
 Shaybani, *The Islamic Law of Nations* (tr. Khadduri)
 Muqaddasi, *The Best Divisions for Understanding the Regions* (tr. Collins)
Arab Historians of the Crusades (tr. Costello)
 Usamah. Munqidh, *An Arab-Syrian Gentleman... in the Period of the Crusades* (tr. Hitti)
 Mawardi, *The Ordinances of Government* (tr. Wahba)
 Hujwiri, *Kashf al-Mahjub* (tr. Nicholson)
 Ghazali, *Deliverance from Error* (tr. Watt; McCarthy); *Ihya 'Ulum al-Din* (sections translated by Farah, Paris, Holland, McKane, Nakamura, Quasem, Winter, Zolondek, etc.)
 Nizam al-Mulk, *The Book of Government* (tr. Darke)
 Ibn Khallikan, *Biographical Dictionary* (tr. Mac Guckin de Slane, 4 vols.)
Thousand and One Nights (tr. Lane; Burton; Payne; Dawood; Haddawy)
 Firdawsi, *The Epic of the Kings* (tr. Levy)
 Sa'di, *The Gulistan* (tr. Rehatsek)
 Attar, *The Conference of the Birds* (tr. Darbandi and Davis)
 Rumi (tr. Nicholson; Arberry; Barks)
 Nizami, *Haft Paykar* (tr. Meisami)
 Ibn Tufayl, *Hayy ibn Yaqzan* (tr. Goodman; Kocache)
 Ibn al-'Arabi, *The Bezels of Wisdom* (tr. Austin); *The Sufi Path of Knowledge* (tr. Chittick)
 'Abd Allah b. Buluggin, *The Tibyan, Memoirs of the Last Zirid Amir of Granada* (tr. Tibi)
 Maqrizi, *Mamluk Economics* (tr. Allouche)
 Biruni, *India* (tr. Sachau / abr. Embree)
 Ibn Battuta, *Travels* (tr. Gibb)
 Nasir-i Khusraw, *Book of Travels* (Safarnama) (tr. Thackston)
 Ibn Khaldun, *The Muqaddimah* (tr. Rosenthal / abr. Dawood)
 Zahir al-Din Muhammad Babur, *Babur-nama* (tr. Beveridge; Thackston)
 Eskandar Beg Monshi, *History of Shah 'Abbas the Great* (tr. Savory)
 Kritovoulos, *History of Mehmed the Conqueror* (tr. Riggs)
The Book of Dede Korkut (tr. G. L. Lewis)
 Mustafa 'Ali, *Counsel for Sultans of 1581* (tr. Tietze, 2 vols.)
 Katib Chelebi, *The Balance of Truth* (tr. G. L. Lewis)
 Evliya Chelebi, *The Intimate Life of an Ottoman Statesman* (tr. Dankoff)
 Jabarti, *Chronicle of the French Occupation, 1798* (tr. Moreh)
 Jamal al-Din al-Afghani, *An Islamic Response to Imperialism* (tr. Nikki Keddie)
 'Ali Shariati, *On the Sociology of Islam* (tr. Algar)
 Jalal Al-e Ahmad, *Gharbzadegi* (tr. Green and Alizadeh ["Weststruckness"]; Sprachman ["Plagued by the West"]; Campbell ["Occidentosis"])
 Naguib Mahfouz, *The Cairo Trilogy* (3 vols.)
 Jamalzadah, *Once Upon a Time* (tr. Moayyad and Sprachman)
 Orhan Pamuk, *The Black Book*

You should also check the following anthologies:

R. A. Nicholson, *Translations of Eastern Poetry and Prose*
 Use Lichtenstadter, *Introduction to Classical Arabic Literature*
 James Kritzeck, *Anthology of Islamic Literature*, *Modern Islamic Literature*
 Helmut Gatje, *The Qur 'an and its Exegesis*

Franz Rosenthal, *The Classical Heritage in Islam*
Michael A. Sells, *Early Islamic Mysticism*
Eric Schroeder, *Muhammads People*
Arthur Jeffery, *Islam: Muhammad and his Religion; Reader on Islam*
J. A. Williams, *Islam; Themes of Islamic Civilization; The Word of Islam*
F. E. Peters, *A Reader on Classical Islam*
A. J. Arberry, *Aspects of Islamic Civilization*
W. H. McNeill and M. R. Waldman, *The Islamic World*
Bernard Lewis, *Islam from the Prophet Muhammad to the Capture of Constantinople* (2 vols.)
A. Rippin and J. Knappert, *Textual Sources for the Study of Islam*
S. H. Nasr, H. Dabashi and S. V. R. Nasr, *Expectations of the Millenium*
W. M. Thackston, *A Century of Princes: Sources on Timurid History and Art*
Rudolph Peters, *Jihad in Mediaeval and Modern Islam*
R. G. Landen, *The Emergence of the Modern Middle East*