Internet Resources

Muslim Contributions to Civilization: Past and Present

I. Islam and Science

A. (Article) Science and Civilization in Islam (Seyyed Hossein Nasr)
   http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/med/nasr.html

B. Overview of Islamic Culture and the Medical Arts (National Library of Medicine Exhibit)
   http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/islamic_medical/islamic_00.html

C. Resource page of Islam SET (Science, Environment and Technology) (www.islamset.com)
   http://www.islamset.com/introd.html
   i. History of Islamic Science
      http://www.islamset.com/heritage/history.html
   ii. History of Muslim Pharmacology
      http://www.islamset.com/heritage/pharmacy/index.html

D. History of Islamic Biomedicine (links to many articles on this topic, including chronology of Muslim civilization)
   http://www.mic.ki.se/Arab.html

E. Numbers
   http://www.islamic-paths.org/Home/English/History/Literature/Arabic_Numerals.htm

II. Environment

A. Islam and the Environment, theory and practice (Dr. Mawil Izzi Dien)
   http://www.lampeter.ac.uk/trs/staffgallery/mawil_paper.html

B. (Article) Islam and Ecology
   http://www.crosscurrents.org/islamecology.htm

III. History and Civilization

A. History of Islamic Civilization
   http://www.islamset.com/islam/civil/index.html
   - and -
   http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/islam/islamsbook.html
B. Influence of Islamic Culture on Western Civilization
http://www.netiran.com/Httpdocs/Clippings/Social/950300XXSO02.html
- and -
http://www.ais.org/~bsb/Herald/Previous/95/science.html (The Middle Ages)
- and -
http://mercury.spaceports.com/~islam/index2.htm (The Renaissance)

C. Islam in Africa
i. The Advent of Islam in Africa
- and -
http://web-dubois.fas.harvard.edu/dubois/baobab/narratives/islam/WestTrade.html (West Africa)
- and -
http://baobab.harvard.edu/narratives/islam/EastTrade.html (East Africa)


iii. Accounts of Ibn Battuta's Travels
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1354-ibnbattuta.html

D. Islam in Southeast Asia
i. Medieval Manuscripts
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/india/1655bernier.html

ii. History of the Mughals
http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/MUGHAL/MUGHAL.HTM

IV. Human Rights

A. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZING EXPERT SEMINAR TO DISCUSS ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES ON UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (press release)
http://www.unhchr.ch/huricane/huricane.nsf/view01/F46C9D5A47F671DB802566AD005BB845?opendocument

http://www.renaissance.com.pk/octvipo2y1.html

C. (Article - good one) Antecedents of the idea of Human Rights: A Survey of Perspectives (Polly Vizard)
(Section 3.1)

D. (Article - with reference to specific scholars) Muslim Support for Human Rights
http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/7185/Religion/muslim.hr.htm
E. Treatment of Minorities
   http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/pact-umar.html (The Pact of Umar)
   - and -
   http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/jewish/jews-umar.html (The Pact of Umar, another version)
   - and -
   http://www.islamfortoday.com/minorities.htm

V. Woman's Contribution to Islamic Thought
   A. Women and the Interpretation of Islamic Sources (Heba Raouf Ezzat)
      http://www.islam21.net/pages/keyissues/key2-6.htm
   B. Women in Islam (Jamal Badawi)
      http://www.iad.org/books/S-women.html
   C. Essays and position papers on Women's Rights in Islam (Muslim Women's League)
      http://www.mwlusa.org/publications.html

VI. Pluralism & Civil Society
   A. Religion and Civilisational Dialogue (Seyyed Hossein Nasr)
      http://www.islam21.net/pages/keyissues/key3-18.htm
   B. Democratic Principles: An Islamic Point of View (Azizah Al-Hibri)
      http://www.islam21.net/pages/keyissues/key3-6.htm

VII. The Arts and Humanities
   A. Overview of Islamic Literature
      http://www.library.cornell.edu/colldev/mideast/islamlit.htm
      - and -
      http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/cultureliterature.html
   B. History and types of Islamic Literature
      http://search.ebi.eb.com/ebi/article/0,6101,34778,00.html
   C. By Region
      i. Middle East (Arabic, Persian, Turkish)
         (a) Overview of Persian Literature
            http://www.bartleby.com/65/pe/Perslit.html
         (b) Overview of Iraqi Literature
            http://www.nv.cc.va.us/home/nvbrada/braddog/Literature/Literature.html
(c) Overview of Turkish Islamic Literature
   http://turkey.org/culture/c_liter2.htm

ii. Central Asia

(a) (Article) Literature in Turko-Islamic Culture
    http://eurasianews.com/erc/004cam.htm

iii. South Asia

(a) Islamic Literature in Indonesia
    http://www.indonesianheritage.com/Encyclopedia/Early_Modern_History/Islam_And_Port_Sultans/Islamic_Literature/islamic_literature.html
    - and -
    http://www.indonesianheritage.com/Encyclopedia/Ancient_History/Heritage_Of_Indonesian/Early_Islamic_Literature/early_islamic_literature.html

D. Art

i. Overview of Islamic Art
   http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/cultureart.html

ii. Introduction to Islamic Art
    http://www.lacma.org/islamic_art/islamic.htm

iii. (Article) Muslim Art in Contemporary Britain
    http://www.guardian.co.uk/Archive/Article/0,4273,3950810,00.html

iv. (Article) Turkish Islamic Art
    http://sircasaray.turkiye.org/anadolu/tezhib.html

v. Calligraphy (Articles by Mamoun Sakkal)
    http://www.sakkal.com/ArtArabicCalligraphy.html

E. Photo Galleries

i. Online Museum Exhibitions of Islamic Art

   (a) Detroit Institute of Art
       http://www.dia.org/collections/ancient/islamicart/islamicart.html

   (b) Metropolitan Museum of Art
       http://www.metmuseum.org/collections/department.asp?dep=14 (click on "VIEW 1 AT A TIME" on top)

   (c) Los Angeles County Museum of Art
       http://www.lacma.org/islamic_art/thumbnails/thumbnail.htm

   (d) Tarek Rajab Museum (Kuwait)
       http://www.trmk.com/Gallery.htm
ii. Images of Islam  
http://www.tulane.edu/~MECCA/images/images_islam.html

iii. Peter Sanders Photography  
http://www.middleeastuk.com/culture/art/sanders/gallery.htm  
- and -  
http://www.ummah.org.uk/sanders/gallery.htm

iv. Islamic Art and Architecture  
http://www.islamicart.com/main/architecture/index.html (click on "Gallery")

v. Links to other Islamic Art sites (Art and Architecture)  
http://islamicity.com/education/culture/  
- and -  
http://www.islamicart.com/ (Islamic Arts and Architecture Organization: good source on images and articles: Architecture, Calligraphy, Coins, Oriental Rugs)

F. Music

i. Project compiling music from Islamic Countries  
http://www.blacksun.com/islam.htm

ii. Persian Music  
http://www.pbs.org/visavis/BTVPages/Persian_trad_music.html

G. Sampler of Muslim World Music (requires RealPlayer)  
http://www.arches.uga.edu/~godlas/IslArt.html#Music

VIII. Architecture

A. Overview of Islamic Architecture  
http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/culturearch.html

B. Brief History of Islamic Architecture  
http://users.telerama.com/~jdehullu/islam/frames.htm

C. Essays on Principles of Islamic Architecture  
http://www.islamicart.com/main/architecture/index.html (click on "Articles")

D. (Article) Images in Persian architecture  
http://www.persianart.net/libreries/article/PEACOCK.htm

E. (Article) Muslim Spain  
http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/4205/22279

F. (Article) Turkish Mosques  
http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/arabic_islamic_architecture/20882

G. (Article) Taj Mahal  
http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/arabic_islamic_architecture/25875
H. Links to other Islamic Architecture sites (Art and Architecture)
   http://islamicity.com/education/culture/

IX. Biographies

A. Brief biographies of major figures in Islamic civilization
   http://members.tripod.com/~wzzz/
   - and -
   Muslim Scientists, Mathematicians, and Astronomers before the European Renaissance (700 - 1500 A.D.) - listing of scholars and articles on different aspects of civilization in the Muslim world
   http://users.erols.com/zenithco/index.html

B. Scientists
   i. Ibn Khaldun (historiography) - comprehensive links to websites with biographies, articles and excerpts of his writings
      http://www.isidore-of-seville.com/ibnkhludun/
   ii. Tabari (historiography)
      http://www.mala.bc.ca/~mneil/tabarit.htm
      - and -
      http://users.erols.com/zenithco/tabari.html
      - and -
      http://members.tripod.com/~wzzz/TABARI.html
   iii. Khawarezmi (math, chemistry)
   iv. Ibn Rushd (Averroes)
   v. Ibn Sina (Avicenna)
      http://www.britannica.com/eb/article?eu=11566&tocid=0
      - and -
      http://www.ummah.net/history/scholars/ibn_sina/
      - and -
      http://www-history.mcs.st-andrews.ac.uk/history/Mathematicians/Avicenna.html
   vi. Al-Farabi
   vii. Al-Razi (physician, introduced concept of "hospital", vaccine for small pox)
   viii. Ibn Al-Haytham (optometry)
C. Poets and Writers

i. Rumi
   http://www.age-of-the-sage.org/sources/rumi.html (look up)
   - and -
   http://www.armory.com/~trace/sufi/ (Selected poems)

ii. Khalil Gibran

iii. Omar Khayyam
    http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/islam/learning/khayyam.html

iv. The Travels of Ibn Batuta
    http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/batuta.html

D. Music

i. Yusuf Islam

ii. Umm Kulthum
    http://almashriq.hiof.no/egypt/700/780/umKoulthoum/

Bibliography
Brentwood School Online: Islamic Culture (website created by students compiling essays written and a photo gallery)

UNESCO book, Different Aspects of Islamic Culture
http://www.unesco.org/culture/aic/html_eng/volumes.htm

Providence Library compiled a suggested book list on the following topics:


Swahili Poetry Bibliography
http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/aflang/swahili/SwahiliPoetryWebPage/SwahiliPoetryBibliography.htm