## Muslim Achievements Ch. 15/Sec.4

## Philosophy & Medicine

- Academics were important
  - Built libraries and academies
- Philosophers
  - Islamic civilization produced a lot of brilliant scholars
- Avicenna
  - Great Muslim doctor
  - Wrote many books on medicine: medical encyclopedia
- Hospitals
  - Built throughout the Arab Muslim empire
  - Pharmacies were also built
  - Doctors performed operation for cancer and brain surgeries

## Mathematics & Science

- Mathematicians used a decimal system
  - Arabic numerals: numbers we used today (0, 1, 2, 3...)
  - Arabic numerals easier to use than Roman numerals (I, II, III....)
  - They made ground breaking advances in algebra
- Astronomy
  - Built observatories to study the stars
  - Created charts that showed the positions of the stars and planets
  - Developed more precise calendars



## Art & Architecture

- Calligraphy
  - Art of decorative writing
  - Carved them on walls, painted them on tiles, and wove them onto textiles
- Built mosques, fountains, gates, baths, and palaces.
  - Domes and arches were popular too

