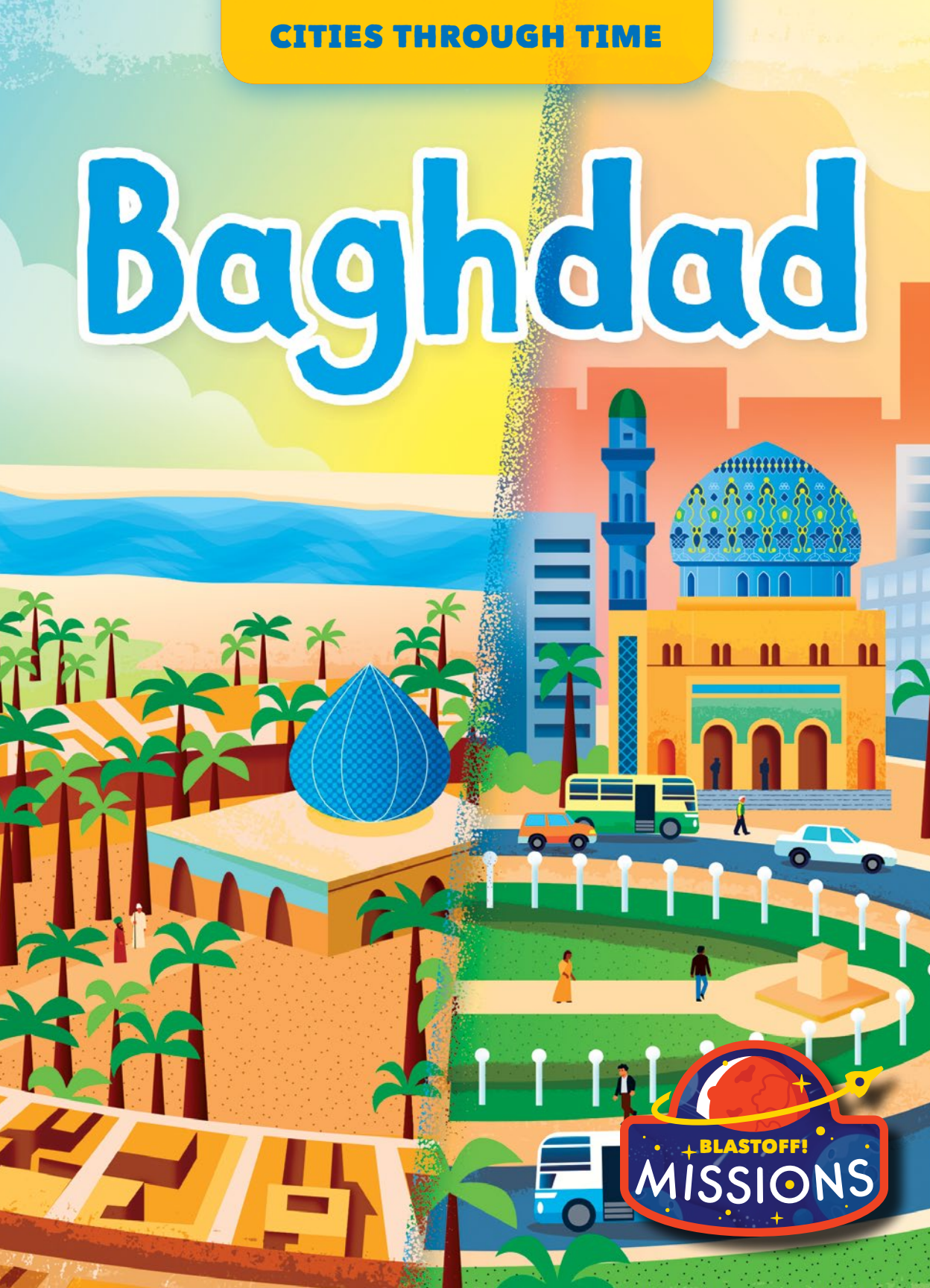


CITIES THROUGH TIME

# Baghdad



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This is **Blastoff Jimmy!**  
He is here to help you  
on your mission and share  
fun facts along the way!



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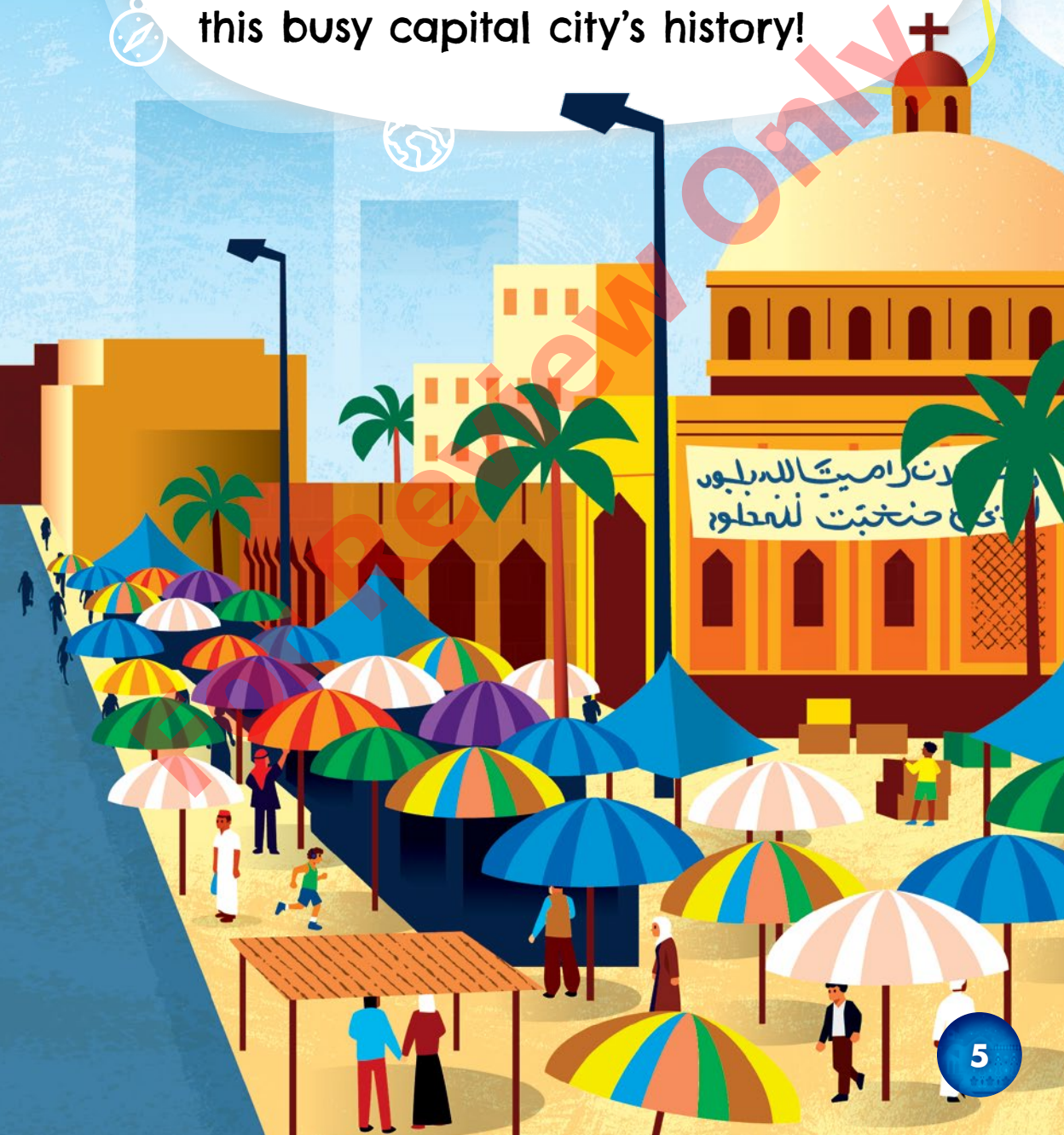
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# Welcome to Baghdad!



Baghdad, Iraq, is full of activity!  
Cars fill the city streets. People shop  
at markets and work downtown.  
Let's go back in time to explore  
this busy capital city's history!



# A Powerful City

766 CE

Here we are along the Tigris River. Workers just finished building a new city.

**Caliph** al-Mansur planned the city's layout. The Round City of Baghdad will be an important **Islamic** capital!



**Tigris River**


**Round City  
of Baghdad**

800s

Baghdad is a center of learning!  
Many **scholars** visit the city.

traders





Traders enter the city, too.  
Many have carried silk and  
spices along the **Silk Road!**

scholar

# Baghdad Timeline

**766 CE:** The Round City of Baghdad is finished four years after it was founded

**800s:** Many scholars fill Baghdad during a period of science and learning

**1258:** Baghdad falls to Mongol invaders

**1534:** The Ottomans begin a long period of rule in Baghdad

**1980:** Iran bombs Baghdad early in the Iran-Iraq War

**2003:** U.S. soldiers reach Baghdad during the U.S. invasion of Iraq

**2022:** The Al-Zawraa Stadium is completed

