**Hadith**

* Hadith and Sunna can both be roughly translated to “tradition”, but differ in significance
* Hadith means story, or report, and represents an account of what happened
* Summa means practice or custom
* In Islam, used more particularly in relation to Prophet and his immediate followers
* Reports were collected regarding what Prophet said and did and his reactions to things said and done in his presence
* Study developed and was given title Al-Hadith
* Sunna is more general, referring to practice of Prophet and his community, and there could be Sunna with no related Hadith
* ­Sunna is what was practices, Hadith is record of what was practiced
* Later, when works containing collections of traditions were compiled, each tradition was prefaced by a chain of authorities called Isnad, thus giving documentation
* Every tradition must have an isnad as well as the text (matn)