## Beautiful Boats

Have you seen this model of a dhow boat at the Oriental Museum?



Used in Kuwait, this type of boat could carry over 500 tons of cargo and its large cotton sails meant it could move quickly across the ocean.

This type of dhow was used mainly for cargo and pearl diving.

Kuwait is a hot, dry country and because of fresh water shortages, boats like these were also used to transport drinking water from Al Basrah in Iraq.



## Create your own boat!

- 1 Fold a piece of A4 paper in half.
- With the folded edge at the top, fold down the corners to the centre.
- Fold up the bottom edge on each side.
- Pull the sides outwards and flatten into a square.
- Fold front and back layers up to make a triangle.
- Pull the sides out and flatten into a square.
- Pull top corners outwards and your boat will appear!

