
ISLAMIC SCHOOL OF STANFORD
GRADE: 8 ISLAMIC STUDIES
Class Project 2007/2008
IOP - THE ISLAMIC OUTREACH PROJECT



Dear Muslim Historian;

Assalamu-Alai-Kum!!

We have a requirement to produce a set of displays that outline the history of Islam, from the time of the death of the Holy Prophet(s) till the end of the era of the Abbasids. These displays will be used in a variety of different places such as Middle School, Islamic School/Sunday School, libraries and outreach events at the Mosque.

The purpose of the display is to give both Muslims and non-Muslims a broad overview of the history of Islam and promote this history in a positive way by identifying important events (for Muslims and non-Muslims) and contributions made by Muslims for the given time period.

You are free to choose what events you want to pick and how you want to display them. All we ask is that you keep the project objectives in mind. Our goal is to produce a series of displays that are fun, exciting and educational.

You may use the class text book and any other sources for information, however you must identify all sources of information used.

The final display must cover the following time periods depending on the size of your team:-

- The Four Rightly guided Caliphs
- Era of the Umayyads
- Era of the Abbasids

Themes to consider:-

- Women's rights, women as leaders
- Expansion - Spread of Islam e.g. North Africa, Spain, India, China, Malaysia and Indonesia
- Interaction with other empires e.g. Sassanids, Byzantines
- Education, Science, Architecture, the Arts, important discoveries in the Muslim World
- Famous Muslim scholars, spread and development of Islamic knowledge

When designing the content for this project ask yourself?

- Who is my audience e.g. Muslims and non-Muslims, age group etc
- What do I think my audience would want to know about this period of Islamic history
- What else should I tell my audience about this period in Islamic history

The project will have only 4 parts.

1. **Event Listing (20%)** – For your time period, simply identify which events you want to cover, keep in mind the purpose of the project. You can use the template provided or make one of your own. This part of the project must be handwritten. Only write the event and if necessary describe it in 1-2 sentences only. This is the most important part of the project as this drives all other parts. This part will require the **most** research.
2. **Event Description (40%)** – This is where you explain **in detail** each of the events for **each** given time period and why you think it is important that people must know about it. For extra credit you can include a brief sketch and description of your final display, i.e. how you are going to display all of the information. This document must be handwritten.
3. **Display Board (30%)** – This is where you put everything together!! The display board must contain information from parts 1 & 2 of the project.
4. **Team Presentation (10%)** – Official presentation of your final display, review and lessons learnt. Presentation created in PowerPoint.

Computers **cannot** be used for parts 1 & 2, but can be used for parts 3 & 4 for example for heading, maps presentation slides, text on the display board.