

IOP - THE ISLAMIC OUTREACH PROJECT

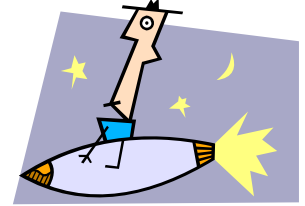


Assignment 2 – Event/Themes Description

Due Date: Sunday 4th May 2008

Project Objective:

You are to produce a display titled “The History of Islam”, the display which will cover the following time periods in Islamic History; The Four Rightly guided Caliphs, Era of the Umayyads and the Era of the Abbasids. (See first handout for more details). Remember this display is going to be seen by Muslims and Non-Muslims.



Remember: This part of the project will require you to explain and justify your choice of events

Description of Assignment 2

For this assignment you are required to describe in detail each of the events you have chosen in Assignment 1. For each event you must:

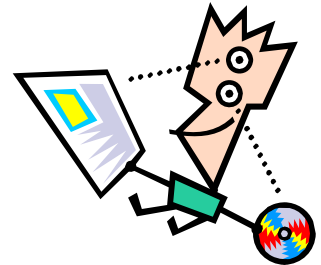
1. **Provide a description** – Start by describing the event, what is it about? (Maximum 150 words)
2. **Give your opinions:** Explain why you chose this event - why you think it is relevant and important to mention, (Maximum 150 words) for both Muslims and Non-Muslims, not all of the events you pick may be of interest to Non-Muslims
3. List any maps/diagrams related to the event you want to use in your display



This assignment must be hand written

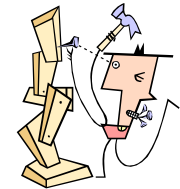
Hints:

- Take time to plan this assignment
- THINK - What is the objective of this assignment? What do you need to do? **Answer:** That you are able to describe and justify your choice of event, by answering the above questions
- Focus on quality and not quantity remember what you are being marked upon see Score Chart below
- **The Event Description and Event Justification carry the most about of marks for this assignment**



Delivery

Medium: Handwritten document see example template (next page)
Minimum: 5 Pages
Maximum: 15 Pages
Score/Marks: 90 (40% of project marks)



Score Chart:

Showing where most of the marks are allocated, make sure you understand this!!

Content 80%



Presentation 20%



For an example of the assignment, please turn over

So by now you would have picked your events, keeping in mind the goal of this project.....

Example

You can use your own format if you like, as long as it describes the event and you give a reason for choosing the event (see below). You could even design the template on computer and fill it in.

Example: If you wanted to cover the compilation of the Quran you should describe the event and also explain the importance of the event.

Ok Answer

Event Name: <i>Compilation of the Holy Quran</i>
Event Description: <i>Those who has memorized the Holy Quran had either died in battle or died of old age</i>
Justification: Why I think that is this Event Important (For Muslims/Non Muslims)
For Muslims: <i>Quran is Muslim's holy book</i>
For Non-Muslims: <i>I think this event is not important for Non-Muslims</i>

Better Answer

Event Name: <i>Compilation of the Holy Quran</i>
Event Description: <i>The need to standardize the Holy Quran started during the Khilafah of Abu Bakr[r] as those who has memorized the Holy Quran had either died in battle or died of old age, during the Khilafah of Umar[r] and Uthman[r] Islam was spreading to newer territories where Arabic was not the main language and so the real meaning of the Quran could get lost or the meaning could be changed. During the Khilafah of Uthman[r] Zaid ibn Thabit was given the task to consolidate the Quran. Text was to be based upon the book that had been made in the lifetime of Abu Bakr[r] now kept with Umar's[r] daughter Hafza. Text verified with the most authoritative reciters from the remaining Sahabah who had memorized the Quran Zaid first wrote the entire Qur'an, he then read it out aloud to a gathering of Muhajarin and Ansar. He then compared the copy he had with the copy that Hafza had (Umar's [r] daughter) In the end a single text was created, 5 or 7 copies made. Other incorrect copies burnt. I will include a picture of an early copy of the Holy Quran.</i>
Justification: Why I think that is this Event Important (For Muslims/Non Muslims)
For Muslims: <i>I think this event is important for Muslims because it shows how the Quran was put together and that it was not an easy task, especially when the Holy Prophet(s) had not described any method to compile it. Secondly it shows the importance of young people in Islam and how they can be given such a huge responsibility, as Zaid was a young scholar of Quranic text from the time of the Holy Prophet.</i>
For Non-Muslims: <i>This event is important for Non-Muslims because it shows how the Holy Quran was compiled and how young people can be given positions of responsibility in Islam</i>