**Project – Middle East Children’s Book**

7th and 8th Grade Arabic – Ms. Elgammal

**Due: Friday, October 29th**

For your project, you will be writing and illustrating your own non-fiction children’s picture book about history, religion, culture, and lifestyles of ONE country of your choice in the Middle East. This project is worth **10% of your final grade**, so be sure to **read the directions** and **look at the grading rubric** to make sure you’ve included everything you need to include.

**Step 1: Choose a country you’d like to write a book about**

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| [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Egypt) |
| [Algeria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Algeria) |
| [Sudan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Sudan) |
| [Iraq](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Iraq) |
| [Morocco](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Morocco)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Arab_countries_by_population#cite_note-4) |
| [Saudi Arabia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Saudi_Arabia) |
| [Yemen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Yemen) |
| [Syria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Syria) |
| [Tunisia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Tunisia) |
| [United Arab Emirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_United_Arab_Emirates) |
| [Jordan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Jordan) |
| [Libya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Libya) |
| [Palestine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Palestine) |
| [Oman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Oman) |
| [Kuwait](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Kuwait) |
| [Mauritania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Mauritania) |
| [Qatar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Qatar) |
| [Bahrain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Bahrain) |
| [Somalia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Somalia) |
| [Djibouti](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Djibouti) |
| [Comoros](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Comoros) |  |  |  |  |

**DIRECTIONS**

Your children’s book will include a front cover, a back cover, and 4 major sections. All of the information you need to write your children’s book can be found on the internet.

1. **Front Cover**
   1. Title – come up with a creative title that is related to the Middle East, and would appeal to a 2nd or 3rd grade student. Do NOT just title your book, “The Middle East.”
   2. Illustration – this should be related to Middle Eastern history, religion, culture, and/or lifestyles. It may be easiest for you to wait until you’ve read the appropriate sections on the internet before you decide on an illustration for the front cover.
   3. Your full name, written as, “Written and Illustrated by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
2. **History**
3. Section Title Page – this should include the word “History” in large, decorative letters
4. 1 page about Mesopotamia – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
5. 1 page about Ancient Egypt – include at least 3 facts and an illustration
6. 1 page about trade – be sure to define *trade*, and include 2 facts and an illustration.
7. **Religion** 
   1. Section Title Page - this should include the word “Religion” in large, decorative letters.
   2. 1 page about Judaism – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
   3. 1 page about Christianity – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
   4. 1 page about Islam – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
8. **Culture** 
   1. Section Title Page – this should include the word “Culture” in large, decorative letters.
   2. 1 page about celebrations – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
   3. 1 page about food – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
   4. 1 page about the arts – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
9. **Lifestyles**
   1. Section Title Page – this should include the word “Lifestyles” in large, decorative letters.
   2. 1 page about living standards – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
   3. 1 page about family life & education – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
   4. 1 page about changes in women’s roles – include at least 3 facts and an illustration.
10. **Back Cover**
    1. Author’s Biography – write a short autobiography about yourself. Think about what authors usually include about themselves on the back of books they’ve written (what schools they went to, where they grew up, a few details about their family, and how many books they’ve written). Remember to write in the **third person**, for example, “Author Mark Brown was born and raised in Carol Stream, IL, and has written one children’s book…”
    2. Decoration or color (no illustration needed).

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

1. Remember, you are writing a **children’s book** that a 2nd or 3rd grader might read. This means you must use **simple** words and phrases. **DO NOT JUST COPY FACTS STRAIGHT OFF THE INTERNET!** Your grade will be significantly reduced if you do this. **You WILL NOT get credit for a fact if it is copied!!** Here is an example of how you can turn something you read on the internet into language that is appropriate for a 2nd or 3rd grade student:

**The internet source Says:** “They [Mesopotamians] also developed cuneiform, which was an early form of writing. Cuneiform consists of wedge-shaped markings made with sharp reeds on clay tablets.”

**You Might Say:** “People in Mesopotamia were the world’s first writers, but they didn’t use paper…they used clay!”

1. Be sure to write your book in **paragraph form**. Do NOT use bullet points.
2. Your entire book MUST be creative, neat, and colorful. Absolutely no pencil is to be used anywhere on the book. Your grade will be reduced if your book is not neat and colorful, or if there is any pencil visible.

**Make this be your best effort ever!! I’m expecting amazing books! ☺**

**4th Quarter Project (Middle East Children’s Book) – Grading Rubric**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Front Cover Title** 0 1 2

**Front Cover Illustration** 0 1 2 3

**Author’s Name** 0 1

***History* Section Title Page** 0 1 2

**Mesopotamia Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Mesopotamia Illustration** 0 1 2

**Ancient Egypt Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Ancient Egypt Illustration** 0 1 2

**Trade Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Trade Illustration** 0 1 2

***Religion* Section Title Page** 0 1 2

**Judaism Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Judaism Illustration** 0 1 2

**Christianity Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Christianity Illustration** 0 1 2

**Islam Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Islam Illustration** 0 1 2

***Culture* Section Title Page** 0 1 2

**Celebrations Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Celebrations Illustration** 0 1 2

**Food Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Food Illustration** 0 1 2

**The Arts Facts** 0 1 2 3

**The Arts Illustration** 0 1 2

***Lifestyles* Section Title Page** 0 1 2

**Living Standards Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Living Standards Illustration** 0 1 2

**Family Life/Education Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Family Life/Education Illustration** 0 1 2

**Women’s Roles Facts** 0 1 2 3

**Women’s Roles Illustration** 0 1 2

**Back Cover Biography** 0 1 2 3

**Back Cover Decoration/Color** 0 1 2

**Neatness** 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**Colorful** 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**No Pencil** 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**TOTAL POINTS: \_\_\_\_\_\_ /100 LETTER GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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