**Middle East Project**

I will study the following topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Present the Project Topic:**

Explain the rationale and application.

Provide examples of research-based articles.

so that I can better evaluate the development and interactions of individuals and groups in the Middle East.

**Design Project:**

Choose a specific topic.

What is your essential question?

Looking through class materials or on the computer, a research question (or 2 or 3…) about the topic that you are interest in. Put your research question(s) in the box below.

From this brainstorming session pick **one** essential question that you want to answer about the Middle East and write it in the space below.

**Essential Question: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Background Information:**

What do you already know?

What do you need to know?

Now… use a computer to look through research see if there is enough research out there to begin to answer your question. Jot down some websites or in class research (these will be provided to you if they apply to your question – just ask Mrs. Wulff for them) that you think will help you answer your essential question.

**Criteria for Evaluation:**

What areas will you target in your research?

How will your teachers know you have done what you set out to do?

How will you design your project?

After this, brainstorm some ideas for an end product you would like to produce. This end product could be as simple as a research paper that answers your essential question or could be something more in depth like a tri-fold poster, diorama or brochure on Microsoft Publisher etc. In the box below write your plan for an end product to show that you have answered your essential question around your topic.

Note: If you choose to do something like a diorama that doesn’t involve any writing you will need to include a short (1-2 page) paper that explains how your visual answers your essential question and what the answer to your essential question is based on the research.

**Research and Gather Information:**

Conduct research necessary to answer everything you needed to know but didn’t.

Okay… so now you have an essential question, some basic preliminary research done and an idea of what you want your end product to look like. The next step is to research (all research can be done electronically, in your spiral notebook or in your Middle East packet)! Research the answer to your question and take down as many notes as you need to answer this. You ARE required to cite all sources that you use both in a works cited page and in your text. You may use either MLA formatting or Footnotes with your in-text citations. Your works cited page should follow MLA formatting.

As far as a timeline goes, this project is completely self-guided with a few checkpoints from me. You have the following dates to work on this project:

* April 16th-April 28th
* On the next page is a calendar for you to map out your project. Please map this out for me by the end of this week. I will be checking this for completion on Friday, April 18th.

Also, you will need to set up some checkpoints to meet with me on your calendar.

* I want to check in with you when you are done creating your essential question – I will approve this essential question – just come see me when you are done with this and I will make sure your good to go.
* I want to check your work when you are researching so that I can make sure you are on the right track so write which day you want me to check in with you on the calendar.
* Finally, I want to check in with you as you are working on your final product so pick a day that you think would be good for me to check in with you for this and write it in your calendar.

**Create Project:**

Compile and organize information for your audience.

**Notes:**

* You will be responsible for two things on top of this assignment - Due April 28th.
	+ Assignment one: The three major monotheistic religions graphic organizer
	+ Assignment two: Book work in the interactive notebook for chapter 24 (pg. 204-207 in the interactive notebook)

**Schedule for Middle East Project**

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|  |  | April 16th  | April 17th | 18th |
| 21th | 22th | 23th | 24th  | 25th |
| 28th |  |  |  |  |

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**Project Based Learning:**

Steps for Success