

World History  
Mrs. Silver  
Children's Storybook General Guidelines  
The World of Islam  
"The Five Pillars of Islam"

1. Your book must be written in the language that a 9-year-old can understand. No profanity...keep it clean...keep it legal.
2. Your book must have at least 8 pages. Each page must have some sort of text and it must have a graphic design or picture. This is a children's book...kids want to see pictures.
3. Make sure your text and picture complement one another...An effective storybook is where the picture speaks for itself...this enables the kids to better understand what you are writing.
4. You are to write an information book on the Five Pillars of Islam. You are teaching a group of nine-years olds about Islam so your book should have limited text...the pictures should tell the story.
5. Your book must explain the significance of the Five Pillars and must follow these guidelines.
  - a. You must have text and an illustration on every page.
  - b. You and your partner will share the duties. One will be the illustrator and the other will be the writer.
  - c. You must create a storyboard as your draft. The editor must approve your draft before your team can move on to the production stage (Yes...I am the editor).
  - d. Present each pillar separately listing at least two characteristics.
  - e. You both will read your storybooks to the class, to your support teacher, or to a group of nine-years-olds at the local elementary school.
  - f. I will select the two-person groups. It is possible to work on your own but the editor has final say...in the event that we have solo artists...the same guidelines apply. There will be no three or more person groups

6. Be creative...stick figures are as effective as skilled artists drawings.
7. Spell check your text...do not write a book that has a spelling or grammatical errors.
8. Make your storybook look as authentic as possible
9. Have fun writing the book...hypnotize me with your talented writing and creative skills
10. The storybook is worth 50 points; the reading is worth 20 points per group member.
11. The goal of the editor is to help ingrain into your psyche a "commitment to excellence." I will accept nothing less than your best work.
12. The accompanying rubric informs you how your project will be assessed, this includes the use of your time...there is no time to waste.