**Middle East: Religion in a Box Project**

**Overview:** During the Ottoman’s reign, people were allowed to practice different religions freely. The Ottoman Turks allowed for trade, thus helping expand their kingdom. Merchants and traders traveled all throughout the Middle Eastern region. Along the way, not only were they allowed to trade artifacts and goods, they also traded ideas and beliefs. You are a vendor peddling your wares as well as your religion (Judaism, Christianity or Islam).

**Task:** Using a cereal box (or similar-sized box), completely cover and decorate it based on one of the three major monotheistic religions in the Middle East (Judaism, Christianity or Islam).

The box should be attractive and display accurate information about the religion you chose. Use the rubric to determine what information to include and where to place it on your box.

**Goal:** Explain your religion to traders or merchants in the Middle East.

**Due date:** Wednesday, September 24th

**Remember, you cannot use pencil on projects!! (-10 points)**

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| **Section** | **Requirements** | **Points Possible** | **Points Earned** |
| **Front of the box:** | A title (in other words, which religion did you choose)  Must include: the holy book, at least two places that are considered important or sacred to that religion and why, and a 50-100 word description of at least two historical figures associated with the religion.  All facts are accurate and information is detailed/thoroughly explained | 20 |  |
| **Back of the box:** | Include a world map (you may draw it); the map should display regions of the world in which a large number of followers of the religion you chose are found. | 20 |  |
| **Side Panel (1):** | Explain an important event, holiday or ceremony associated with the religion. Write a paragraph explaining this event (150-200 words)  All facts are accurate and information is detailed/thoroughly explained | 20 |  |
| **Side Panel (2):** | Include important: beliefs, practices and other interesting facts about the religion.  This section must include at least two beliefs/practices and at least three interesting facts about the religion.  All facts are accurate and information is detailed/thoroughly explained | 20 |  |
| **Attractiveness and organization** | The box is neat, creative and attractive; information is well-organized, easy to read; the project is neat and colorful | 20 |  |
| **GRADE:** |  |  |  |