**Islam Newspaper Project**

*Directions: Complete parts A, B, C and D. Parts B and C each have two options to choose from. This assignment should be done on the computer. Or VERY neatly by hand. It should resemble the layout of a modern day newspaper.*

**Part A Front Page Story**

Pick a major event in early Islamic history and write a short breaking news story about the event as if you the writer were there at that time. You can include interviews of witnesses or participants and/or quotes from political/religious leaders (Muslim and non-Muslim are OK).

**Part B “Dear Abby”**

**Or Letter to the Editor**

A. Write a 1-2 letter about what it is like to be a woman in early Islamic society. What rights do they have? What rights don’t they have? How are they expected to dress? What is their role in society?

**Or**

B. Write a 1-2 paragraph journal entry about what it is like to be a woman in the Abbasid dynasty (after movement into the Sasanian and Byzantine empires). What rights do they have? What rights don’t they have? How are they expected to dress? Role in society?

**Part C Obituary**

A. Write an obituary for the Umayyad dynasty. Years of existence? Achievements? Be specific on cause of death (reasons for decline)—why did the empire fail?

**Or**

B. Write an obituary for the Abbasid dynasty. Years of existence? Achievements? Be specific on cause of death (reasons for decline)—why did the empire fail?

**Part D Advertisement**

Make an advertisement for one **scientific** advancement of the Muslims. What is the advancement? What are the advantages? Who created it? Make an illustration to go along with your ad. This can be done digitally. Extra points for creativity!