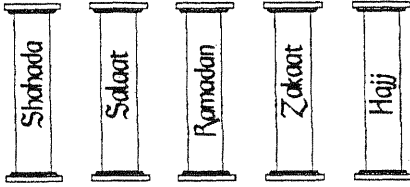




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Instructions: Your group must complete the Muslim's Five Pillars of Faith. Your caliph will keep track of your progress on the CARAVAN LOG.

1. **Shahada** (profession of faith) To show your understanding of this aspect of Islamic faith, each group must complete a city banner which uses Arabesque designs and has the name of the city and the Bismillah ("in the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate," the opening words of the Qur'an) written on it. (Use the ARABIC ALPHABET handout for help.)
2. **Salaat** (prayer) Owing to the sensitive nature of imitating another's form of prayer, your group will not be asked to directly simulate this activity. However, you should show understanding of the meaning of several religious sayings that illustrate Islamic beliefs. Therefore, each member should analyze at least one verse from *The Qur'an* and memorize five proverbs listed on the POPULAR PROVERBS handout. If called on, each member should be able to explain the verse or recite a proverb and explain what either means in our culture.
3. **Ramadan** (fasting) Since the principal act of devotion during this holy month is fasting, each group should give up one lunch or snack period to work on their Festival Presentation. (*Option:* You may want to give up one snack and/or TV or radio program at home. You can substitute this with silent reading or extra homework during this period with parent verification.)
4. **Zakaat** (charity or almsgiving) Each person in the group must provide one service for one of the following: community, school, faculty, administration, rival group. If members of your group do not meet this requirement, the Muslim tithe of two and a half percent must be paid for the poor to your teacher before the Islamic Bowl. Students should brainstorm ideas on how to implement this pillar. Note that the ZAKAAT VERIFICATION FORM must be filled out by the time of the Islamic Bowl.
5. **Hajj** (pilgrimage of Makkah) A Muslim, at least once in his lifetime if physically and financially able to do so, is required to make a pilgrimage to the holy city of Makkah. Your group's pilgrimage will be fulfilled during THE RACE TO MAKKAH.