**Essay Options:**

1. ***Compare*** The religion of Islam with another major world religion (Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism) Focus on how Islam is either different OR similar to another religion.

The topics you can compare include: holy book, origination, culture/everyday lifestyle, founders, prophets, laws, place of worship, dress, etc.

OR

2***. Compare*** the Islamic civilization on the Arabian Peninsula with another other civilization from medieval times (Africa, China, Japan, Mongols, Aztecs, and the Mayans. Focus on how the Islamic civilization is either different OR similar to the other religion.

The aspects of society that you can compare include: social structure, government, religion, warfare, how they treat conquered peoples, culture/lifestyle, food, geography, expansion, decline, etc.

**Reference:** \*\*\* You may need to consult additional sources to complete this paper. Use the internet (scholarly articles/websites only) or books from the library (Athens drive public library is open on the weekend). If you do not have access to these resources, everything you need is in your notes. Honors students are **required** to use additional resources. You must cite your sources in MLA format on the last page of your document and label it, “work cited.”

**Format:**  *5-paragraph format:*

* Intro

(Which states a thesis at the end) EX: These religions are (similar or different) because (reason 1, reason 2, reason 3).

* 3 paragraphs: (paragraph 1 = reason 1)(paragraph 2 = reason 2 ) (paragraph 3=reason 3)
* Conclusion – wraps up the essay and summarizes your man thoughts. ( In conclusion, these religions/civilizations are (similar or different ) because reason 1, reason 2, and reason 3.

Attach this to your paper when you turn it in on **Wednesday, October 17th**

**I picked option \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Topic:** How Islam is (circle one) ( Similar or different) to

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Name another civilization or religion).

**My 3 reasons/topics are:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_