

## **Project Islam**

### **Basics: Some things to consider**

The Meccan hajj is a five day event. How long will your event be?

Is there any historical significance behind the calendar date you choose?

Will there be slaughtering of animals?

What will there be crowd control mechanisms?

Will the traditional rock (pebble) throwing ceremony be held?

Will your sites be open to pilgrims year round?

Review the various rituals performed at the Meccan hajj. Will the rituals included in your Hajj be fundamentally different? If so, you need to provide a justification.

How will the host nation arrange for travel, accommodations, food, etc.?

### **Analysis: This is the bulk of your essay/presentation**

**Contemporary:** You must provide a succinct (no more than a paragraph) 30 year political history of your nation. You will need to explain how holding the Hajj in your nation will fit into more recent political, economic and social developments in the Islamic world. How will your hajj benefit the Islamic community today? How will your Hajj celebration be interpreted by the international community, particularly in the eyes of the West.

**Historical:** What historical events important in Islamic history (622-1970) took place in your nation and how might those events provide justification for holding the hajj in your nation.