

Oral Reports Assignments

Group One: September 20, 23, 25, 2013

Dykstra, Krystal	1. <i>Mi'raj</i> (the journey of the prophet to the heavens, genesis, manner, discovery)
Benabdallah, Sadok	2. The Rashidun Caliphs
Baha, Emran	3. The Umayyads
Gangelhoff, Richard	4. The Abbasids
Lovegren, Nicole	5. Islam in China (Battle of Talas, Muslims in Xinjiang, relation with Han Chinese)
Wildeson, Madeline	6. Islam in Central Asia
Isak, Hoda	7. Treatment of the Jews in Islam
Blanchard, Dominique	8. Marriage and divorce in Islam (including <i>muta'a</i>)
Galaydh, Aisha	9. Women in Islam (treatment, <i>hijab</i> , children & their education, status in society)
Carlson, Clayton	10. Islam and Democracy
Still, Barbara	11. Music in Islam
Flinspach, Sarah	12. Islam and War
Mizuno, Yumi	13. Islamic art and Architecture

Group Two: October 21, 23, 25, 2013

Ignatenkova, Anastasiya	1. The Age of Translation (formation of translation bureaus, contributions)
Dwyer, Patrick	2. Socrates and Plato (the idea of the form and its application to education and government)
Hanson, Marcia	3. Plotinus (theory of emanation as an extension of the efforts of Plato)
Wazwaz, Yassmin	4. St. Augustine's life and philosophy (involvement in Manichaeism)
Alexander, Nicholas	5. Constantine the Great
Bulver, Jessica	6. St. Aquinas (stance vis-à-vis faith and reason)
Roser, Andrew	7. Martin Luther (break with tradition; road to Enlightenment & industrialization)
Hallis, Erin	8. The Silk Road
Smith, Gerald	9. Ibn Fadlan
Mahoney, Frank	10. Al-Andalus
Wunderlich, Kristen	11. Jadidism (attempt at modernization of education of Bukhara)

Group Three: November 25, 27, December 2, 2013

Kaminski, Anna	1. Orientalism (definition, genesis, and history of Orientalism, Edward Sa'id)
McNamer, Rosalia	2. Colonialism
Borowick, Paul	3. Hizbollah
Johnson, Thomas	4. The al-Qaeda (genesis, recruitment practices, strength, aim)
Kollman, Nicole	5. 9/11 (reasons; individuals involved; impact on American life)
Carr, Lauren	6. The Taliban
Dieterman, Lucian	7. The One and Two-State Solutions (benefits and drawbacks)
De Saram, Don	8. Wahhabism (continuation of the efforts of Ibn Taimiyyah)
Rohlf, Derek	9. Economy (banking; interest; <i>khums</i> , <i>zakat</i> , endowments)
Wazirzada, Isa	10. Energy (fossil; hydroelectric; solar; wind)
Masroujeh, Jamil	11. Arab Spring
Koreen, Stephanie	12. The Basmachi Movement