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**MAGIC CARPET PROJECT**

Magic carpets may be the stuff of fairy tales, as in the Arabian Nights, but beautiful Persian rugs have their roots in history. Islamic weavers developed carpet weaving into a fine art. Persia (a land that included parts of what is now lran) produced the most elaborate carpets. You are going to take a magic carpet ride through one of the countries of the Middle East that we are studying. You will be responsible for creating a paper Persian "rug" decorated with illustrations and information about the country you are researching. The information you use to “weave” your ”carpet’s” design may be taken at least partially from your written research paper. When you have completed your research paper, you may begin working on your "magic carpet". The carpet must be turned in at the same time as the research paper.

On a separate sheet of paper, you will write a paragraph indicating whether or not you would ever want to visit or live in this country and explaining why or why not. Be sure to include both positive and negative things that you have learned about the country.

**STEPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR MAGIC CARPFT**

1. Cut a standard size brown paper bag (or brown wrapping paper) along the sides; trim to make one large rectangle.
2. Ask your mom to press the bag flat with a warm iron.
3. With crayons or markers, draw a fancy border along the edges of the “rug”. (Islamic art typically uses geometric designs.)
4. Write the country’s name in the middle of the rug using big bold lettering.
5. On your rug, you will draw pictures and write information about your country. Specifically, you must include the following:
6. A map of the Middle East that clearly shows your country as well as its main physical features (landforms and bodies of water), and its capital city.
7. Pictures and descriptions of its culture, including, but not limited to, main religion, main ethnic groups, main language, how much freedom its women have.
8. The type of government it has, as well as a brief description of that type of government.
9. A description of its economy, including who controls it and what some of its major products are.

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**THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR RESEARCH PAPER AND YOUR “MAGIC CARPET”**