**R.A.F.T Writing Activity: Letter to Mecca**

**Role:** Who are you? Name, age, location, job.

**Audience:** Who are you writing to? Why are you writing to them?

**Format:** What kind of writing is this? (journal, letter, advertisement, etc.)

**Topic:** What are you writing about?

**Letter to relative in Mecca:**

You are a teenager living in Cordoba, Spain in 800CE. You work in your family business which makes carpets that feature Arabic Calligraphy (calligraphy is artistic writing). You are writing a letter to a relative who lives in Mecca about your daily life, and about your plans to make your Hajj to Mecca as it is one of the 5 Pillars of Islam that you must do so in your life.

Your letter must be one page in length, and must include:

1. Who you are.
2. Which relative you are writing to (cousin, aunt, uncle, grand parent, etc.).
3. Why you are making this trip.
4. At least 2 examples of how you follow the 5 Pillars of Islam (5 sacred duties of all Muslims).
5. How you will travel to Mecca, and what countries you must travel through to get there.
6. How long you think it will take you to get to Mecca.

*Remember, you can use the Ch.5.2 reading as well as the maps and pictures there to help you.*