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Topic IV
The Muslim Influence
Part Two

For this Quiz Bowl topic, *The Muslim Influence Part 2*, the questions will focus on the achievements and the work of the Top 50 people in the packet. Questions will **not** ask about the rest of the book or specific details such as birthdates, country of origin, school of thought, or previous rankings.

For example:

Question: His majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the king of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan, has been a central figure in the Palestinian and Da'ish conflicts. What is his other role?

Answer: Custodian of the Holy Sites in Jerusalem.

The resource for this topic is available here:

“The Muslim 500: The World’s 500 Most Influential Muslims, 2017”

<http://themuslim500.com/downloads/TheMuslim500-2017-lowres.pdf>

It is to be noted that MIST, the organization inclusive of the organizers, does not wholly support all of the views of the resource, The Muslim 500, but recognizes that the resource is valuable and extensive. The Muslim 500, itself, indicates the following,

“Influence is: any person who has the power (**be it cultural, ideological, financial, political or otherwise**) to make a change that will have a significant impact on the Muslim world. Note that the impact can be either **positive or negative, depending on one’s point of view of course**. The selection of people for this publication in **no way means that we endorse their views; rather we are simply trying to measure their influence**. The influence can be of a religious scholar directly addressing Muslims and influencing their beliefs, ideas and behaviour, or it can be of a ruler shaping the socio-economic factors within which people live their lives, or of artists shaping popular culture.”

We do not aim to shelter competitors, nor push them into bubbles of myopic perspectives, rather want you to understand that every matter in the world is complex, and is composed of multiple perspectives. By utilizing the Muslim Influence resource, we push students to understand that there are different perspectives on the word influence, it can be positive or negative, and the way that some people perceive the same issues that you see can be entirely different.

Students wishing to compete in this year’s MIST Bowl should recognize that questions about controversial leaders such as Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Abdel Fattah El-Sisi will not be included.

