

APRIL IS

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



ELEMENTARY LEVEL

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Use these materials to begin a conversation with elementary grade students about Arab American culture and history and the contributions made to our state and country.

GUIDING QUESTION

How have Arab Americans contributed to the history of our state and country?



EXPLORE

- Investigate Arab American History and Culture at the Smithsonian .
<https://www.si.edu/spotlight/arab-american>
- Dr. Alixa Naff set out to tell the story of Arab immigrants through Oral histories. Read and listen to their stories. <https://americanhistory.si.edu/blog/voices-past-arab-american-oral-histories>
- Visit the Arab American National Museum's Coming to America exhibit.
<https://arabamericanmuseum.org/coming-to-america/>
- Check out Arab American food traditions in this PBS video.
<https://ca.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/arab-american-food-traditions-video/arab-indianapolis/>
- Learn more about Arab culture and contributions with these K- 8th grade lessons from **Brentwood Union School District** as part of their **Community Celebrations Lessons Programs**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/14Cu_tcvwU7VYg2Ll0IU_LmAUhFwdNTBnnxnT0dxJAQ/edit?usp=sharing



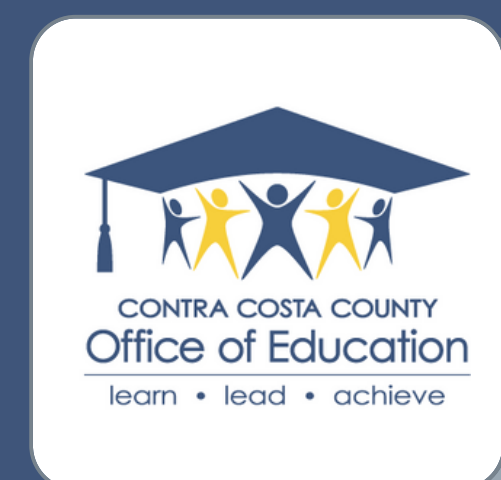
EXPLAIN

- What are some examples of Arab American history, culture, and traditions that you learned about as you explored the resources above?
- What questions might you ask an Arab American to learn more about their culture and traditions? (Social Justice Standard D.I.3-5.8)



ENGAGE FURTHER

- Explore arts of the Islamic world at the Smithsonian Museum of Asian Art.
<https://asia.si.edu/explore-art-culture/collections/collections-areas/islamic/>
- Listen to traditional Arab musical instruments in an exhibit at the Arab American National Museum.
<https://arabamericanmuseum.org/contributions-from-the-arab-world/>



SECONDARY LEVEL

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Use these materials to begin a conversation with secondary grade students about Arab American culture and history and the contributions made to our state and country.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How have Arab Americans contributed to the history of our state and country?



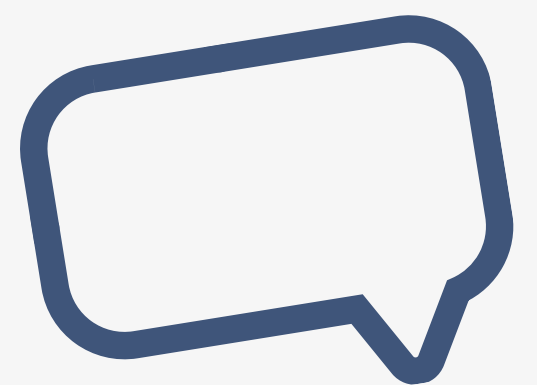
EXPLORE

- Check out these young adult books that highlight Arab culture, history, and authors. https://oaklandlibrary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/1982004379_sabahabdulla/2079832119_ya_books_to_read_for_arab_american_heritage_month
- Watch Dalia Mogahed's TED talk about the attitudes that sparked the Arab Spring. https://www.ted.com/talks/dalia_mogahed_the_attitudes_that_sparked_arab_spring
- Explore the Arab American Foundation's National Arab American Heritage Month Curriculum Kit. <https://files.constantcontact.com/41d9ec74001/26c3ab10-e6df-4fa1-9ed4-756a475423c2.pdf>



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