

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TK-8 TEACHING RESOURCES

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Happy Arab American Heritage Month!

Did you know that roughly 4 million Arab Americans reside in the United States and that California has the largest Arab American population in the country?

“Arab” is an ethnic category defined by being from or having heritage from one of several Arabic-speaking countries in Southwest Asia or Northern African and identifying as Arab.

Other terms that some people identify with are SWANA (South West Asian/ North African) and MENA (Middle East North Africa).

- VIDEO Are Arabs 'White'? AJ+
- VIDEO Arab, How You See Me
- VIDEO Arab American Visibility

EXPAND KNOWLEDGE

- OVERVIEW TEXT Arab Americans: History, Culture, and Contributions
- WEBINAR Arab American Heritage Month, (start at minute 8)
- WEBINAR Teach Arab American Studies
- MINI BIOS 15 Notable Arab Americans
- VIDEO the Islamic Golden Age of Science
- ARTICLE Arab Science in the Golden Age & Today
- VIDEO about the world's oldest university, The University of Al-Qarawiyyin in Morocco, which was founded by Fatima al-Fihri

GET INTERSECTIONAL*

- ARTICLE 5 Influential Black Arab Women You Should Know About
- LIST of 12 Amazing Arab American Women You Need to Know About
- VIDEO Fireworks at Sea: The Power of Yemeni American Women
- OPEN LETTER to Queer Muslim Youth in American
- PODCAST The Queer Arabs Podcast

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*Intersectional is a term coined by Kimberlé Crenshaw



Helen Zughaib

Student Voices

MUSIC VIDEO "Love Them Anyway" by student activist, Faiza Almontaser
(Sign up for a free account to access this powerful video)

VIDEO "Takalam! Oakland Arab Youth Speaking Up!"

REPORT Arab Youth Organizing Report: Teaching Understanding and Representing Arabs Throughout History

ARAB AMERICAN PEOPLE TO KNOW

- [Mona Haydar](#), hip hop artist and activist
- [Rotana Tarabzouni](#), singer and activist
- [Linda Sarsour](#), human rights activist, a former executive director of the Arab American Association of New York, a co-chair for the Women's March
- [Haaz Sleiman](#) openly gay actor
- [Leila Milki](#), singer and songwriter
- [Céline Semaan](#), sustainable fashion activist and educator
- [Sara El Hassan](#), writer and activist
- [DJ Ahmed](#), Bay Area DJ
- [Dr. Farouk El-Baz](#), space scientist who worked widely with NASA on the Apollo missions
- [Huda Zoghbi](#), ground breaking geneticist
- [Rashida Tlaib](#), U.S. representative for Michigan's 13th congressional district
- [Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha](#), pediatrician who uncovered the Flint water crisis
- [Helen Zughaib](#), artist
- [Felukah](#), hip hop artist
- [Edward Said](#), academic and founder of the field of post-colonial studies
- [Adah Almutairi](#), one of Forbes top ten most influential female Engineers in the world
- [Kahlil Gibran](#), writer, poet, third best selling poet of all time
- [Naomi Shihab Nye](#), poet and writer
- [Amir Ashour](#), founder of IraQueer

EXPLORE

- [VISIT](#) the virtual gallery tours at the Arab American National Museum
- [WATCH](#) videos of Zawaya, Arabic Arts organization ASWAT concerts
- [WATCH](#) videos created by the Arab Film and Media Institute



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CURRICULUM

- [LESSONS](#) elementary and middle school lesson plans by Arab American Museum
- [LESSONS](#) for elementary and middle school by Teach Mideast
- [RESOURCES](#) by Share My Lesson for Arab American Heritage Month
- [CURRICULUM KIT](#) by Arab America
- [POSTERS](#) of Arab American women (free)
- [VIDEOS](#) Arab American stories series
- [Teacher's Guide](#) for *The Three Lucys*
- [VIDEO](#) Why Is Writing So Important in Islamic Art?
- [ARTICLE](#) by Louise Derman Sparks & Merrie Najimy



BUSD Book List & Arabic and English Story Time

- [VIDEOS](#) of English and Arabic story time from the Arab American National Museum
- [BOOKLIST](#) from BUSD Library Services

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS TO LEARN ABOUT

- [Arab Resource and Organizing Center](#)
- [Middle East Children's Alliance](#)
- [American Association of Yemeni Students and Professionals](#)
- [Center for Middle Eastern Studies at UCB](#)

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