

Recommended Resources on Islam

ORGANIZATIONS

Access Islam - www.thirteen.org/edonline/accessislam

Lesson plans, timelines and vocabulary lists for teaching students in grades 4-8 about Islamic holidays, traditions and cultures.

America.gov - www.america.gov

Published by the State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP), *Being Muslim in America* offers profiles of American Muslims who have contributed to the mosaic of everyday life in the United States. In English and Arabic.

Change the Story -

http://islamicate.typepad.com/change_the_story/?q=content/resources-educators

Lesson plans offer a starting point for increased knowledge and understanding of Islam and the Muslim community in an effort to reduce misinformation and promote mutual respect.

CFR Religion and Foreign Policy Initiative -

www.cfr.org/about/outreach/religioninitiative

A forum and resources to deepen the understanding of issues relating to religion and U.S. foreign policy for high school and higher education faculty teaching global courses such as world history, international relations, political science and religious studies, etc.

Islamic Networks Group (ING)

www.ing.org

A non-profit organization that counters prejudice and discrimination against American Muslims by teaching about their traditions and contributions in the context of America's history and cultural diversity, while building relations between American Muslims and other groups.

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An overview of the five major world religions:

- [Buddhism](#)
- [Christianity](#)
- [Hinduism](#)
- [Judaism](#)
- [Islam](#)

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

- [Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Muslims and Their Faith](#)
- [A Closer Look at Sharia in the United States](#)
- [Answers to Questions about ISIS](#)

Interactive curriculum about Muslims and their faith:

- [Getting to Know American Muslims and Their Faith](#)
- [A History of Muslims in America](#)
- [Muslim Contributions to Civilization](#)
- [Muslim Women Beyond the Stereotypes](#)

Interactive curriculum about multiple faiths:

- [Multifaith Curriculum: Shared Values Among Faiths](#)
- [Multifaith Curriculum: Living the Faith](#)

Speakers Bureaus:

- [Islamic Speakers Bureau](#)
- [Interfaith Speakers Bureau](#)

The Muslim Heritage

www.muslimheritage.com

A repository of knowledge and historical data on the role of the Muslim world's contribution to science, technology and world civilization.

National Humanities Center

www.nationalhumanitiescenter.org/tserve/divam.htm

TeacherServe, an interactive curriculum enrichment service, supplements humanities studies in high schools, colleges and universities. *Divining America: Religion in American History* offers essays by leading scholars, discussion guides, and links to online resources.

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OSCE – Guidelines for Educators on Countering Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims [PDF]

www.osce.org/odihr/84495?download=true

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe produced this resource for addressing Islamophobia through education. ING is mentioned in the document.

1001 Inventions

www.1001inventions.com/

A global educational initiative that features more than sixty interactive exhibits to promote the awareness of scientific and cultural achievements of Muslim civilization, and how those contributions helped build the foundations of our modern world.

PBS Frontline: Muslims

www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/muslims

Portraits of diverse Muslims who tell their stories about the role of Islam in their lives and societies. Includes FAQs and a Teacher's Guide.

PBS Religion & Ethics Newsweekly

www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/for-educators

Grade-level specific lesson plans introduce K-12 students to today's most important religious and moral issues. Using stories and online video, they address a broad range of current events from bioethics and the role of faith in politics to Islam and terrorism.

Saudi Aramco World

www.saudiaramcoworld.com/

To increase cross-cultural understanding, the bimonthly magazine broadens knowledge of the cultures, history and geography of the Arab and Muslim worlds and their connections with the West. Saudi Aramco World is distributed without charge, upon request, to interested readers worldwide.

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Scarboro Missions

www.scarboromissions.ca/Golden_rule/school_curriculum.php

The Golden Rule is found in religious and non-religious literature throughout history. Developed primarily for high school students, this curriculum for public, private and religious schools can also be used with many young people prior to their last years of high school depending on their reading ability.

Tanenbaum

<https://www.tanenbaum.org/resources/shared-visions>

The Shared Visions project highlights excerpts from different faith communities' holy texts, showing how the world's religions share many core values. The classic shared vision, the Golden Rule, is available as a downloadable PDF in Arabic, English, French, Hebrew and Spanish.

Teaching Tolerance

www.tolerance.org/activity/taking-closer-look-religions-around-world

Dedicated to reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations and supporting equitable school experiences, Teaching Tolerance offers lesson plans including *Taking a Closer Look at Religions Around the World* – a starting point for exploring religions and faith traditions and creating an ongoing respectful dialogue about religious tolerance.

World Savvy Monitor

worldsavvy.org/monitor

Provides lesson plans, activities, readings, discussion questions for deepening content knowledge of world issues and giving middle and high school students a global education.

FILMS

20,000 Dialogues

www.dialoguesforpeace.org/films.aspx

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A nationwide initiative that uses award-winning films to facilitate dialogues about Muslims and Islam to promote pluralism, dialogue, and civic engagement.

Active Voice

www.activevoice.net/newmuslimcool.html

Uses film, television and multimedia to spark social change by building a diverse portfolio of story-based campaigns. *New Muslim Cool*, a powerful new documentary tells the story of a young Puerto Rican hip hop artist who converted to Islam at age 21, pulling himself off the streets to become a community activist. A planning toolkit is available for facilitating discussions.

The Pluralism Project

www.pluralism.org/fremontusa

In a study of today's multi-religious society, *Fremont, U.S.A.* offers a portrait of the new religious communities of Fremont – Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Muslim – as they interact with the city and other religious groups. A study guide encourages educators and their students to look at the issues presented in the film.

Unity Productions Foundation

www.upf.tv/

Produces films for worldwide broadcast and long-term educational campaigns that increase understanding and dialogue among the world's spiritual and cultural traditions. Current projects are focused on creating greater understanding about Muslims and Islam. Lesson plans and teacher resources are available for selected films.

Other Films

- **Islam: Empire of the Faith**
- DVD: *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet*, Unity Productions

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Recommended Readings

Qur'an Translations

- The Study Quran: A New Translation & Commentary (By: Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Caner Karacay Dagli) Available through amazon.com
- Thomas Cleary (translator), *The Qur'an: A New Translation*
- M.A. Abdel Haleem (translator), *The Qur'an (Oxford World's Classics)*
- Bruce Lawrence, *The Qur'an: A Biography*
- Carl Ernst, *How to Read the Qur'an: A New Guide with Select Translations*
- *The Gracious Quran*, Ahmad Zaki Hammad

Biographies of the Prophet Muhammad

- Karen Armstrong, *Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time*
- Omid Safi, *Memories of Muhammad*
- Jonathan Brown, *Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction*
- Martin Lings, *Muhammad: His Life Based on the Earliest Sources*

Islam: General

- Reza Aslan, *No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam*
- Sumbul Ali-Karamali, *The Muslim Next Door*
- Karen Armstrong, *Islam: A Short History*
- William Chittick, *The Vision of Islam*
- Gordon Newby, *A Concise Encyclopedia of Islam*
- Fazlur Rahman, *Islam*
- *Submission Faith & Beauty: The Religion of Islam*, Joseph Lumbard
- *The Heart of Islam*, Seyyed Hossein Nasr
- *Vision of Islam*, Sachiko Murata & William Chittick
- *Islam and the Destiny of Man*, Charles Le Gai Eaton

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Muslim Women

- Maria M. Ebrahimji (editor), *I Speak for Myself: American Women on Being Muslim*
- Jamillah Karim, *American Muslim Women: Negotiating Race, Class, and Gender Within the Ummah*

Islam in America

- Sulayman Nyang, *Islam in the United States*
- Umar F. Abd-Allah, *A Muslim in Victorian America: The Life of Alexander Russell Webb*
- Allan D. Austin, *African Muslims in Antebellum America: Transatlantic Stories and Spiritual Struggles*
- Edward E. Curtis IV, *Muslims in America: A Short History* by
- Louis A. DeCaro, *On the Side of My People: A Religious Life of Malcolm X*
- Sylviane Diouf, *Servants of Allah: African Muslims Enslaved in the Americas*
- Yvonne Haddad & Jane Smith, *Muslim Communities in North America*
- Yvonne Y. Haddad, ed., *The Muslims of America*
- Alex Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
- Jonathan Curiel, *Al-America: Travels Through America's Arab and Islamic Roots*,
- Jane I. Smith, *Islam in America*, 2nd edition
- Michael Wolfe, *The Hadj: An American's Pilgrimage to Mecca*
- Edward E. Curtis, *Muslims in America*

Islamic History

- Maria Rosa Menocal, *The Ornament of the World*
- Sir. Thomas W. Arnold, *The Spread of Islam in the World*
- Khaled Abou al-Fadel, *The Great Theft: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists*
- Ross E. Dunn, *The Adventures of Ibn Battuta: A Muslim Traveler of the Fourteenth Century*

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Islamic Mysticism

- Annemarie Schimmel, *Mystical Dimensions of Islam*

Poetry

- Jalal al-Din Rumi, *The Masnavi, Book One* (Oxford World's Classics)
- Hafiz, *The Gift*

Interfaith

- Ranya Idilby, Suzane Oliver, Priscilla Warner, *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew: Three Women Search for Understanding*
- Eboo Patel, *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*
- Karen Gray Ruelle, *The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews During the Holocaust*

Fiction

- Dave Eggers, *Zeitoun*
- Willow Wilson, *Butterfly Mosque*

Youth Fiction

- N.H. Senzai, *Shooting Kabul*
- Naomi Shihab Nye, *Sitti's Secrets*
- Asma Mubin-Uddin, *My Name is Bilal*

Islamophobia

- Edward Said, *Covering Islam*
- *Same Hate, New Target: Islamophobia and its Impact in the United States*, CAIR/ Center for Race and Gender-UC Berkeley, Available at: <http://crg.berkeley.edu/content/islamophobia-report-0910>
- *Fear, Inc.: The Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America*, Center for American Progress, Available at: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/religion/report/2011/08/26/10165/fear-inc/>