



**Unit Title: Culture in the Middle East**

**Enduring Understanding: How ethnicity, culture and religion influence our perception of the world.**

**Standards to Address in Unit:**  
**SS7G8 The student will describe the diverse cultures of the people who live in Southwest Asia (Middle East).**  
 a. Explain the differences between an ethnic group and a religious group.  
 b. Explain the diversity of religions within the Arabs, Persians, and Kurds.  
 c. Compare and contrast the prominent religions in Southwest Asia (Middle East): Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.  
 d. Explain the reason for the division between Sunni and Shia Muslims.  
 e. Evaluate how the literacy rate affects the standard of living.  
**SS7G7 The student will explain the impact of location, climate, physical characteristics, Distribution of natural resources and population distribution on Southwest Asia (Middle East).**  
 b. Describe how the deserts and rivers of Southwest Asia (Middle East) have affected the population in terms of where people live, the type of work they do, and how they travel.

**Essential Questions:**  
 Explain how culture, religion and ethnicity impact how people act and where they live in the Middle East?

<b>Objectives:</b>				
Who is Muhammad?	2. What are the five pillars of Islam?	3. Explain the difference between Sunni and Shia Muslims.	4. What does "people of the book" mean?	5. Compare and contrast the different Abraham religions.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STANDARD- EQ- VOCAB	Islam, Muhammad, Angel Gabriel, Allah, 5 pillars of Islam, Hajji, Mecca, Medina, Alms	Islam, Muhammad, Angel Gabriel, Allah, 5 pillars of Islam, Hajji, Mecca, Medina, Alms	Sunni, Shia/Shi'ite, Sect, Caliph	Abrahamic religions, Islam, Allah	Arab, Persian, Kurd
Warm-up Getting students ready to learn	Copy down the vocab words.	Define: Islam, Allah, Muhammad, Mecca, Angel Gabriel, Quran	Write out and answer: What are the 5 pillars of Islam?	Get out your video sheet from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Clear your desk of all materials	Answer: What is the difference between and ethnic group and religious group?

<b>Lesson</b> Releasing students to do the work	<b>Power point on Islam</b>	Review CLOZE reading  Review 5 pillars of Islam	*Review CLOZE reading  *CRCT Sheet on Sunni and Shia split.  *differentiation pages	*Video on Islam  *Create Venn diagram of different Abrahamic religions	<b>PowerPoint on Ethnic groups</b>
<b>Wrap-up</b> Helping students make sense of their learning	<b>Differentiation Page</b>	<b>Answer CRCT questions</b>	<b>Review CRCT questions</b>	*differentiation pages	*Finish Differentiation pages
<b>Homework</b>	Test Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Test Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Test Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Test Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Culture book will be due on day of the Test  Test Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>