

# TOMB TRADITIONS IN OMAN

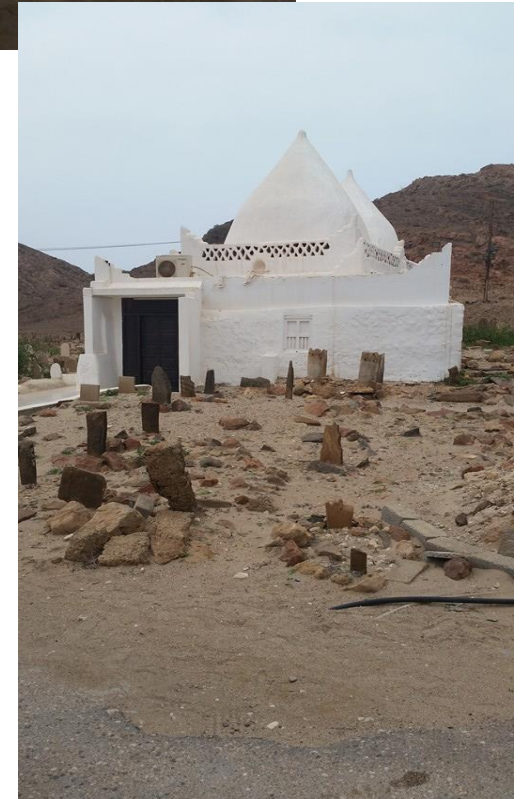
Objective: I can learn about another culture's traditions. I can learn about practices another culture has in how it uses cemeteries and tombs. I will be able to compare and contrast my own cultural traditions to another culture's traditions.

# Where in the world is Oman?

- Let's take a trip on Google Earth from Tucson to Muscat, the capital city of the country of Oman!
- <https://www.google.com/earth/>







In Oman, Tombs can be outside in a cemetery or in a small building or small room with a door.

ممنوع وضع المبالغ النقدية على الضريح

NO MONEY TO BE PUT ON  
THE TOMB

## What do you do at a tomb in Oman?

A variety of activities might happen:

Visitors might...

- Read from the Holy Q'ran
- Pray, standing, sitting, or with forehead to the ground
- Ask for intercession (Anyone can ask for intercession)
- Leave an offering
- Be silent
- Have a picnic!
- And visitors might have come a long way, so long that they might only visit a very special tomb one time in their whole life.



Unfortunately, destroying graves still happens today.



Offering, greetings, touching or rubbing a part of the tomb

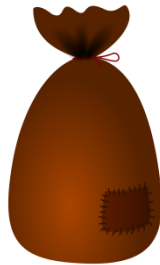




# Visiting cemeteries in Oman

In some cultures, it is believed that visiting a cemetery may result in someone experiencing a sickness being healed.

In some cultures, acquiring a special mixture of spices, notions or tonics might and leaving this mixture at a grave site will result in a healing.




In some cultures, throwing a special mixture of gathered items into a grave and reciting special words will result in a healing.



# Remembering

- In Oman, when visiting a tomb one might say the name of God over and over, or recite the 99 names of God, or meditatively walk in repeating circles.





Some governments destroy the graves because it represents idolgry. If you're going to go there, you obviously don't worship God. In Oman, people visit and the country is stable. Since the 70s there has been a push to save culture.





encouraged to dig a grave  
blocks on top of body



# Picnics!

- Cemeteries are a place to remember those who have passed and to celebrate those memories. You might even have a picnic with family and friends!





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