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Unit Plan: Reality Check: You Won't See These Muslims on TV

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Contextual Summary: This unit was written for use in a school which provides special education services to emotionally disturbed and learning disabled from almost 50 diverse school districts in Western New York. Background knowledge about Islam and Muslims varies widely, but in general, the students know little about the subject and many have negative opinions of Islam and Muslims.

For use in: Appropriate for use in 8-12th grade ELA or Social Studies classes

Objective: The overarching goals for the unit are that students will

- consider the fairness and factuality of popular ideas about Islam and Muslims
- understand that the Muslim Diaspora is composed of diverse individuals and is not homogenous
- recognize commonalities between the origins of Islam and Christianity
- have a more positive or at least neutral opinion of Muslims and Islam

Parts to this Lesson:

1. Cover page/table of contents (this document)
2. Unit plan (broad overview)
3. Lesson plan.
4. Pretest.
5. Powerpoint – Turkish and Syrian Cities.
6. Powerpoint – Who Are Muslims?
7. Powerpoint – Hate Crimes in the News.
8. Posttest.