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Arabic Language Module Grades 6-12
Oman and Zanzibar

Title: Tour of Arabic Places in the United States

Abstract: Students will learn about the Middle East and basic names of geographical places within the United States. Students will then make their own tour of the Middle East through a mapping exercise.

Content Objective: Students will integrate Arabic language by identifying places within the United States that have connections to the Middle East.

Language Objective: SWBAT read, write, and speak about Arabic places in the United States.

CCSS: ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.7,
ELA-LITERACY.RH.9-10.4,
LA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.7,
ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.7

Materials:

Computer with Internet Connection
Google Earth (Free download)
Excel Spreadsheet
EarthPoint US (free excel to Google Earth file download)

Background Information:

The Arabic language is found throughout the United States. Did you know that there are over 484 cities within the United States that have Arabic names? There are 35 towns named Lebanon in the United States. This lesson plan incorporates nouns and adjectives from the Arabic language. Students will be able to identify the cities and towns in the United States and make connections to the places in the Middle East.

The purpose of this lesson is to find Arabic names associated with cities in the United States and in the Middle East. Students can then make a tour of the United States and the Middle East to find out about the meanings of the words and the historical significance of these areas. I have provided a list of 28 places within the United States with Arabic

connections. You are encouraged to have your students find more to add to the list. Can you find the three mountain peaks named Mount Pisgah? What is the significance of Pisgah? Here's an example of a unit to correspond with this lesson: Wealth and power throughout the Ancient world has transpired into the United States throughout time. Think about the importance of the Mississippi River to Memphis, TN and the Nile River to Cairo, Egypt.

Procedures:

1. Introduce the geography of the regions. Introduce Google Earth. Introduce that Arabic is a language spoken around the world and how it has influenced the English language as well.
2. Have students go to **Google Earth** and find coordinates.
3. Ask your students to identify a few places that have interesting names and ask them if they think they are Arabic names. Goal: find at least 20. Can be within the United States or in the Middle East.
4. Make an Excel spreadsheet like the example I provided.
5. Go to **EarthPointUS** and upload your excel spreadsheet (Excel to Google Earth)
6. Upload your spreadsheet and view on Google Earth. You can make this as complex as you want. I went ahead and pinned Mecca, Saudi Arabia. You could have your students pin other places that have the same names in the Middle East and have them find information about these places and the names of the cities. Most of them have ties to major historical events.
7. You can have the students add an audio tour where they are explaining the places and the students can also import photos of their tour. Be creative!
8. View the tours and have each student or groups of students (if you prefer to have your students work in small groups) present the information to the class giving at least three facts about each of the cities/towns/geographical markers that they have located.

**If technology and time are limited you could teach this as a whole class activity.

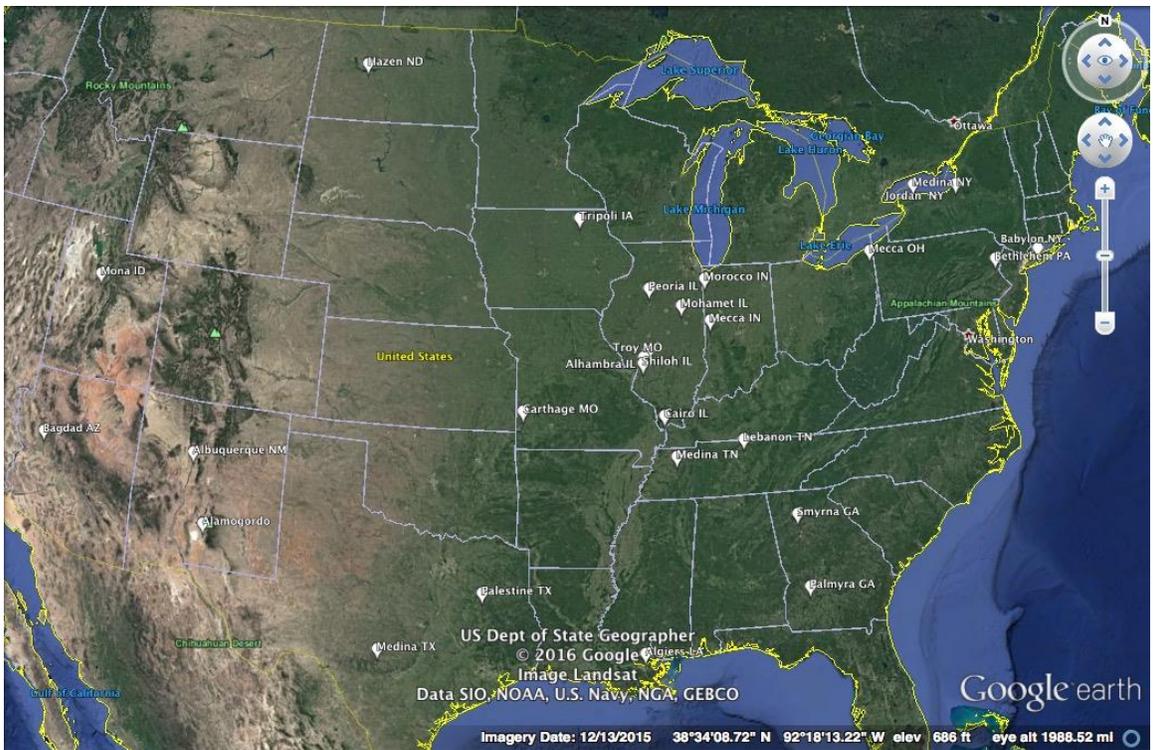
Attachments:

Excel Document

Google Map

Elementary Extension by Arlene Medina

Latitude	Longitude	Name	Description	Icon
41 23 25	-80 44 18	Mecca OH		180
39 43 35	-87 19 53	Mecca IN		180
35 48 19	-88 46 51	Medina TN		180
43 13 13	-78 23 12	Medina NY		180
47 17 48	- 101 37 25	Hazen ND		180
29 47 48	- 99 14 47	Medina TX		180
40 11 33	-88 24 8	Mohamet IL		180
39 48 55	-111 51 23	Mona ID		180
37 0 47	- 89 10 49	Cairo IL		180
29 55 39	-90 00 50	Algiers LA		180
43 4	-76 28	Jordan NY		180
40 41 40	- 73 19 46	Babylon NY		180
40 37 34	-75 22 32	Bethlehem PA		180
31 45 29	-95 38 19	Palestine TX		180
38 53 19	-89 43 57	Alhambra IL		180
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38 43 45	-89 53 30	Troy MO		180
33 52 19	-84 31 6	Smyrna GA		180
42 48 21	-92 15 27	Tripoli IA		180
38 33	-89 55	Shiloh IL		180
34 34 36	-113 10 29	Bagdad AZ		180
35 0 39	-106 36 36	Albuquerque NM		180
	-105 57			
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Grades: Elementary K -5th grade
Time: Approximately 30-40 minutes
Standards:

PO 2. Locate features in the world (e.g., continents, waterways, mountain ranges, cities) on a map using latitude and longitude.

(5.W.7) (4.W.7) (3.W.7) Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.

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2. Blank Arizona map
<http://geoalliance.asu.edu/sites/default/files/maps/Arizona.pdf>
3. and/or Blank United States Map
<http://geoalliance.asu.edu/sites/default/files/maps/US-NAMES.pdf>
4. Exit Ticket

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Procedures

1. Introduce that Arabic is a language spoken around the world and how it has influenced the English language as well.
2. Pass out map of the United States.
(K-3) For lower grades have student's only work on one specific state.
(4-5) Upper grades can work on certain regions and the entire United States can be used for enrichment.
3. Ask your students to identify a few places that have interesting names and ask them if they think they are Arabic names. Goal: find at least 5 (for k-3) and 10 (for grades 4-5).
4. List all the cities on board and have students go to Google Maps and label their own maps.
(K-3) lower grades will require more guidance. Students will do this as a whole group and the instructor and demonstrate using their own computer where each city is located.
(4-5) Students will work in groups using Google Maps and accurately as possible label their maps with cities labeled on the board.
5. Have students finish exit ticket for mini assessment.

Name: _____

Exit Ticket

Name **three** cities in the United States that come from the Arabic language.

1.

2.

3.

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1.

2.

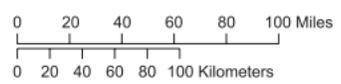
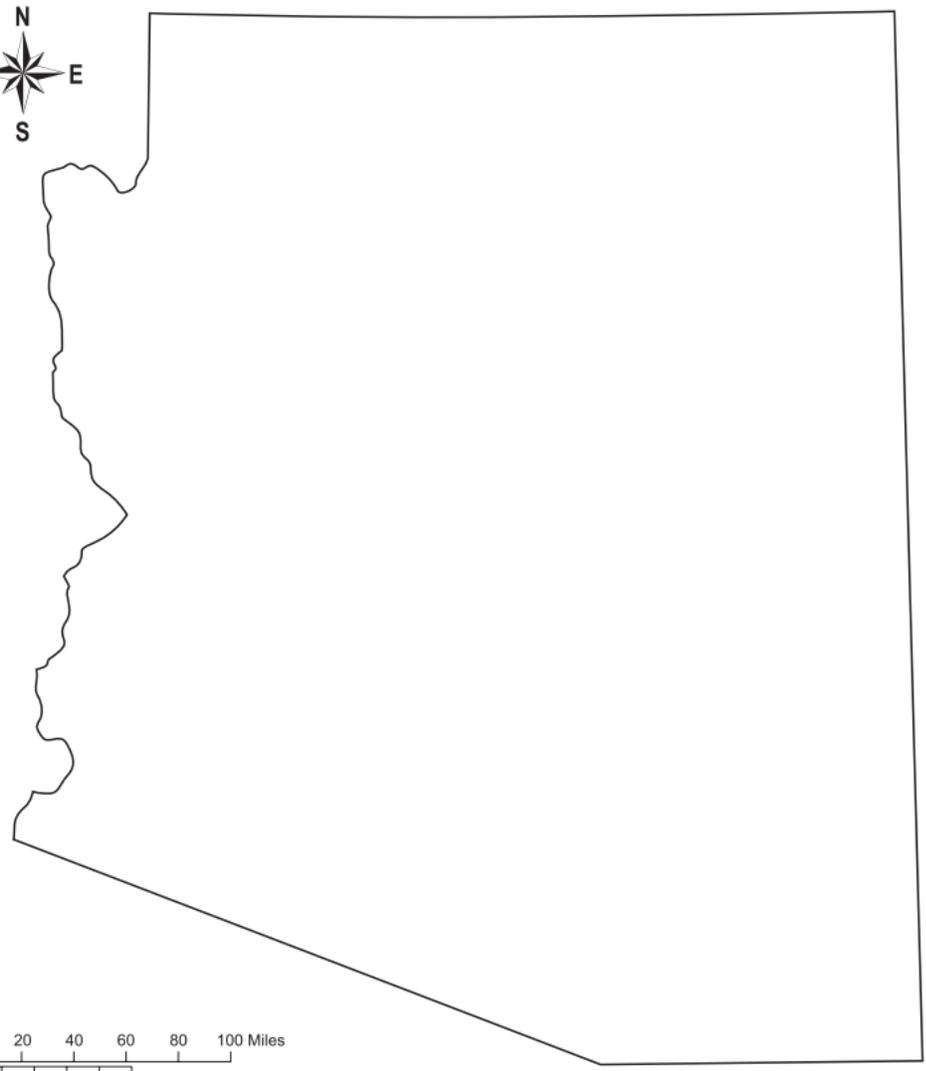
3.

The United States (with state names)



Courtesy: Arizona Geographic Alliance <http://geoalliance.asu.edu/azga>
School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning
Arizona State University
Cartographer: Susan Westhouse US-NAMES.PDF02

Arizona



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List of possible cities for elementary grades

Mecca OH
Mecca IN
Medina TN
Medina NY
Hazen ND
Medina TX
Mohamet IL
Mona ID
Cairo IL
Algiers LA
Jordan NY
Babylon NY
Bethlehem PA
Palestine TX
Alhambra IL
Morocco IN
Lebanon TN
Peoria IL
Palmyra GA
Carthage MO
Troy MO
Smyrna GA
Tripoli IA
Shiloh IL
Bagdad AZ
Albuquerque NM
Alamogordo NM