Do Now

List at least one difference between the Arabic and English alphabet.
Introduction to Arabic

Pronouncing the Consonants of the Alphabet
Essential Question:
How does learning the pronunciation of each Arabic consonant help with pronouncing Arabic words correctly?
The Arabic language is spoken today by over 250 million people in the Middle East and North Africa.

Arabic is also used as a religious language by the world's Muslims, who total around one billion people.
Sounds like the “a” in “apple”
ba

Sounds like the “b” in “boy”
Sounds like the “t” in “table”
tha

Sounds like the “th” in “think”
 Sounds like the “j” in “measure”
No equivalent in English; imagine the sound you make when you want to blow on your reading glasses to clean them; that soft, raspy noise that comes out is the letter Haa’.
khaa

Sounds a lot like “Bach” in German or “Baruch” in Hebrew
ل

Sounds like the “d” in “deer”

da
N

**th**

Sounds like the “th” in “there”
Sounds like the “r” in “Ramadan”

Like the Spanish “r,” rolled really fast
扎

Sounds like the “z” in “zebra”
Sounds like the “s” in “sit”

*with a smile
Sounds like the “sh” in “shut”
Sounds like the “sau” in “Saul”

A very deep “s” sound you can make if you open your mouth really wide and lower your jaw

*without a smile
Sounds like the “du” in “duck”

A very deep “d” sound; the exact same sound as a Saad except that you use a “d” instead of an “s”
tuh

Sounds like the “tou” in “tough”

A deep “t” sound; start off by saying a regular “t” and then lower your mouth to make it rounder.
thau

Sounds line the “th” in “although”

Take the “th” as in “those” and draw it to the back of your throat
No equivalent in any of the Romance languages; produced at the very back of the throat. Breathe heavily and consistently through your esophagus and then intermittently choke off the airflow so that you create a staccato noise.
grrrrr

Sounds like the French “r” in “rendezvous”; it’s created at the back of the throat
Sounds like the “f” in “fez"
ka

Sounds like the “qa” in “Qatar”

Similar to the letter “k,” but produced much farther at the back of the throat; you should feel airflow being constricted at the back of your throat.
Kay
Sounds like “que?” in Spanish
lee

Sounds like the “ll” in “llama”
meh

Sounds like the “m” in “Mary”
Sounds like the “n” in “north”
heh

Created by exhaling heavily; very different from the Haa’ earlier in the list. (Think of yourself as a marathon runner who’s just finished a long race and is breathing heavily through the lungs to replenish your oxygen.)
wah

Sounds like the “w” in “winner”
yeh

Sounds like the “Eu” in “Eunice”
Exit Ticket

In complete sentences describe the similarities you found between the English and Arabic alphabets.
Resources

Arabic for Dummies (pdf):

Arabic Without Walls - Culture (website):
http://arabicwithoutwalls.ucdavis.edu/aww/alifbaa_unit1/ab1_culture_history.html

Arabic Alphabet Song - Spiderman & Captain America (video)
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