

## Pre-Reading Short Research Assignment

1. Find a map of Iran. Then answer the following questions.
  - a. On which continent is Iran located?
  - b. Which countries are Iran's neighbors?
  - c. In which part of the country is the city of Tabriz (the author's birthplace)?
  
2. Who is Samad Behrangi?
  - a. When did he live?
  - b. What was his job?
  - c. How old was he when he died, and how did he die?
  
3. What is the major language in Iran? What are some facts about the language and the alphabet?
  
4. What is an *allegory*? (Write the definition.)
  
5. Find a picture of a crab, a pelican, and a heron. Draw or copy the pictures and label them.