# Ramadan in the Classroom

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Arabic classroom – Debate the following question:

Should students in grade .... fast? Why or why not?

هل يجب أن يصوم الطلاب؟ لما ولما لا؟

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- الصيام مفيد للصحة.

نعم ، ولكن بعد الأيام الأولى يعتاد الطالب على ذلك ولا يشعر بالجوع. الصيام يساعد الطالب على التركيز.

الصيام يساعد الطالب على الحفظ والفهم

الصوم يجعل الطلاب يشعرون بجوع شديد عندما يحاولون التعلم.

قد يغمى عليه أو يشعر بالعطش ويشعر بجفاف شديد في فمه.

## Science Connection - Nutrition

التنظيم حفل إفطار - Planning a dinner party

#### Interpretive

Students listen to menu options and circle their choices from food pictures.

Students write questions about the menu choices.

خيارات القائمة



#### Interpersonal

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Students ask their partner the questions and fill out a chart on food likes and dislikes.

أنا أحب | أنا لا أحب





#### Presentational

Friends are coming to dinner. Students read new menus and plan a menu appropriate for different people based on likes/dislikes and special dietary needs:

Vegan Low Carb No Dairy

No Rice

قائمة طعام

#### **Can-Do Statements**

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I can write questions and make choices about food preferences.

I can answer questions and talk about food likes and dislikes with a friend.

I can plan an authentic menu with someone's dietary needs in mind.

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### Science Connection - Nutrition

Interpretive Task	Interpersonal Task	Presentational Task
Students examine different seasonal menus and categorize meals as healthy/not healthy and why.	Choose with a partner and come to consensus on which foods and meals you would include on healthy, seasonal menus for people with three different dietary needs.	Write a proposal for the Food Network, featuring seasonal meals from Arabic -speaking countries based on different peoples' health needs and lifestyles.
I can categorize meals as healthy or not.  صحیح غیر صحی	I can decide which meals are best for different diets يمكن للطالب اختيار أفضل طعام للصائم على أساس	I can plan a food show with meals From different Arab countries أنظم معرضيًا لالإفطار

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Reading and analyzing a - menu تصنیف أنواع الطعام بین صحی و غیر صحی

## Science Connection - Nutrition



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#### طريقة التحضير

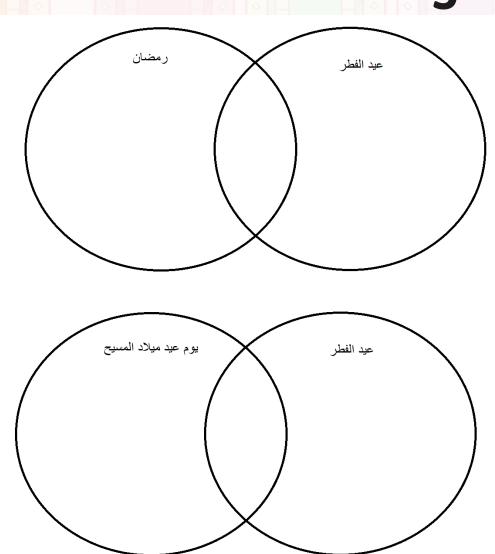
- أغرم حبات التمر خشناً وتوضع في قدر ثقيلة مع السمنة وتطهى على نار متوسطة مع التحريك غالباً حتى تطرى وتمتزج مع السمنة.
- تُمد نصف كمية التمر المقلي في قالب كيك دائري صغير أو مربع مبطن بورق السلوفان.
   ترش قطع الجوز فوق خليط التمر ويضغط عليها قليلاً. بعد ذلك يوضع النصف الباقي من خليط التمر المقلى في الأعلى ويمهد سطحه على نحو متساو.
  - ترش بدور السمسم المحمصة فوق سطح التمر، ويضغط عليها قليلاً.
- يترك محتوى الصينية ليبرد ثم يقطع إلى مربعات صغيرة أو أشكال ماسية. تُحفظ القطع في وعاء مختوم وتقدم كنوع من الحلوى.



## Social Connection - Community

High School students will read on Ramadan and Eid holidays in the Arab world and compare those celebrated in the United States (Christmas/Easter/ Hannukah or ANY holiday). Students can use a Venn diagram to compare the two cultures. They can also use a Venn diagram to compare Ramadan with Eid.

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## Social Connection - Community

Helping others and doing good deeds is an important part of Ramadan. Sometimes, this means giving money to charities or people that need help. It can also mean being kind, giving your time and sharing what you have. Some Muslim children will have a Ramadan advent calendar.

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The calendar is usually made from fabric or cardboard and will have 29 or 30 doors or pockets to open, each with a number to 30 on.

Inside each one is an action to complete.
These are usually ways you can help other people and treat them with kindness.

سوف أطبخ الطعام وأحضره إلى أحد جاري





## Spiritual Connection – The Masjid

Going to the masjid is an important part of both Ramadan and Eid.

Muslims will pray in a big open prayer space/hall. The carpet usually has a pattern with spaces for each person to sit. Everyone must take off their shoes before entering the prayer area. The special prayer during Ramadan is called the 'Taraweeh'.

Virtual field trip to the masjid

Sheikh Zayed

Nearpod

Sultan Ahmet





زيارة المسجد في رمضان





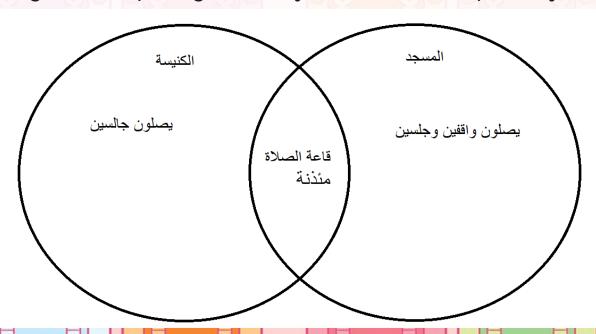
Manners of Visiting a Masjid

آداب زيارة المسجد

نلبس ملابس مغطاة.

نغطي الرأس (حتى أن معظم الرجال يغطون رؤوسهم). نزيل أحذيتنا.

Venn Diagram comparing the Masjid with another place of worship



## Spiritual Connection -The Quran

O you who believe, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous.

(2:183)

But to fast is better for you,
Allah intends for if you only knew.
you ease, and does not intend for you hardship.

(2:184)

(2:185)

#### RAMADAN

The month of Ramadan is that in which was revealed the Quran, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.

(2:185)

And fear Allah, And fear Allah, and know that Allah is those that fear Him severe in penalty

(2:194) (2:196)

"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you. So that you may learn self-restraint." Quran 2:183



ۚ شَهۡرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِىٓ اُنُزِلَ فِيۡهِ الْقُرَاٰنُ هُدًى لَّلنَّاسِ وَ بَيِّئٰتٍ مِّنَ الْهَٰدٰى وَالْفُرْقَانَّ

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(Al-Quran 02 : 185)

The Prophet said:

"When Ramadan comes, the gates of Paradise are opened and the gates of the Fire are closed and the devils are chained..."

(Sahih al-Bukhari)

## Art Connection - Calligraphy and Poetry

Ramadan is a sacred month,
A time for reflection and spiritual growth,
A time to fast from dawn until dusk,
To purify the soul and increase our trust.

It's a month of mercy and forgiveness,
Of charity and acts of kindness,
A time to seek Allah's blessings,
And to deepen our connection with the Divine.

It's a time to read the holy Quran,
To pray and seek forgiveness for our sins,
To offer gratitude for all we have,
And to remember those in need.

Ramadan is a time of unity,
A time to come together as a community,
To break our fasts with family and friends,
And to share in the blessings that Allah sends.

- Poem By A.I. "ChatGPT"

**Wordart** and other "*wordcloud*' generators, the use of adobe photoshop and illustrator, and handmade calligraphy, are all ways to connect Ramadan to art.



