Unit 6: Arab Americans (Multicultural Studies)

OVERVIEW

The final unit of third quarter will focus on Arab Americans; we will take time to explore both historical elements and modern day issues surrounding this group. During the unit, we will watch a number of videos which convey both context and contemporary issues. Additionally, we will continue reading Tim Tyson’s *Blood Done Sign My Name.* during the third quarter*.* Guided Reading Questions may be found on the class website. Students should keep up with the questions as they are reading the book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **JHS Distinguished Speaker Series**: Sponsored by the Social Studies Department, the series brings four dynamic speakers to our campus during the Spring Semester. Each event begins at 7:00pm. Bring family and friends with you. The last three events are REQUIRED. Our speakers for this year are as follows:
* ~~Wednesday, January 30 – Town Hall with Mayor Steve Schewel (Cafeteria)~~
* ~~Wednesday, February 13 – An Evening with Pierce Freelon (Auditorium)~~
* Tuesday, March 19 – “Mixed Experiences: Biracial Identity Flexibility and Denial,” Dr. Sarah Gaither (Lobby)
* Wednesday, April 17 – Panel Discussion on the Desegregation of Jordan High School (Lobby)
* **Policies and Reminders**:
* If you are **absent from class**, please follow the proper procedures.
* **Late work** may only be submitted by those taking the class for “standard” credit, and up until the unit test, for a maximum grade of a 50.
* Per school policy, you have **3 school days to make up** missed quizzes or tests.
* **Lost and found items** are placed near the recycling bin; check soon if you are missing something as those materials will soon be turned into the front office
* Unless being used for instructional purposes and with permission, **electronic devices** should be stored during class. Phones are becoming a problem and will be confiscated.
* **Food** is not permitted in the classroom at any time.
* If you are **late to class**, sign in at the front left table and leave your pass. Print your first and last name, the period, and the reason that you are late to class.
* **A Look Ahead/Important Dates**:
  + Thursday, March 21 – Unit 6 Test (Arab Americans)
  + Fourth Quarter – Legacy Project

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Those planning to graduate are encouraged to be mindful of the school schedule, deadlines, and possible opportunities as we move towards the end of third quarter. Listen to the weekly connect-ed messages, check the school website, and speak with your counselor. Those returning next year must return registration materials and sign up for classes through PowerSchool. Juniors and Seniors each have two excused absences for college visits!

UNIT PLAN

Friday, February 22

Discussion: Review Native Americans  
 Discussion: Blood Done Sign My Name

Unit Overview – Arab Americans

**Homework: Chapter 6, Blood Done Sign My Name**

Tuesday, February 26

Discussion: Module Reading/Questions and Videos

**Homework: Chapter 6, Blood Done Sign My Name**

Thursday, February 28

Discussion: Arab Americans: An Overview (Powerpoint)

Map Activity

**Homework: Chapter 7, Blood Done Sign My Name**

Monday, March 4

Discussion: Islam, An Overview (Video: 30 Days – Muslim in America)

**Homework: Chapter 8, Blood Done Sign My Name**

Wednesday, March 6

Discussion: 100 Questions and Answers about Arab Americans (library)

**Homework: Chapter 8, Blood Done Sign My Name**

Friday, March 8

Discussion: Video: “Secrets of the Koran”

**Homework: Chapter 9, Blood Done Sign My Name**

Tuesday, March 12

Discussion: Study Hall (All Juniors Taking the ACT)

**Homework: Chapter 10, Blood Done Sign My Name**

Thursday, March 14

Discussion: 9/11: A Case Study in Racial Profiling

Articles: Daily Tar Heel and Tamim Ansary email

**Homework: Chapter 10, Blood Done Sign My Namp**

Monday, March 18

Discussion: 9/11: A Case Study in Racial Profiling

Video: West Wing, Isaac and Ishmael

**Homework: Study for test**

*IMPORTANT NOTE: The next Speaker Series Event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th in the front lobby. Dr. Sarah Gaither will be presenting and taking questions. Students are required to attend and turn in notes at the very beginning of class. You will be assessed on your notes; no reflection is required.*

Wednesday, March 20

# Discussion: Finish Unit and Review

**Homework: Study for test**

Friday, March 22

# TEST: Arab Americans (Format: Scantron)

Homework: Consider Legacy Project Options