



# Living Together:

Muslims in a changing world



## Age 6-7: Traditions

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## Location

Muslims are found in every continent.

### Activity:

Use the world map for the following.

1. Colour North America red.
2. Colour South America green.
3. Colour Europe purple.
4. Colour Asia brown.
5. Colour Australia yellow.

**The World**



### Activity:

There are approximately 1.7 billion Muslims in the world.

Maps are often separated into squares called grids. The grids are then used to find places on maps. Discover what ten countries have the highest number of Muslims living there by using the grid.

5	F	H	B	D	C
4	Z	N	W	E	Y
3	K	M	S	U	J
2	X	A	L	G	I
1	R	T	O	P	C
	A	B	C	D	E

I	N							
E2	B4	D5	C1	B4	D4	C3	E2	B2

182 Million Muslims

D1	B2	A3	E2	C3	B1	B2	B4

137 Million Muslims

C5	B2	B4	D2	C2	B2	D5	D4	C3	B5

115 Million Muslims

E2	B4	D5	E2	B2

109 Million Muslims

E2	A1	B2	B4

64 Million Muslims

B1	D3	A1	A3	D4	E4

61 Million Muslims

D3	B4	E2	B1	D4	D5	C3	B1	B2	B1	D4	C3

4 Million Muslims

D2	D4	A1	B3	B2	B4	E4

3 Million Muslims

A5	A1	B2	B4	E1	D4

3 Million Muslims

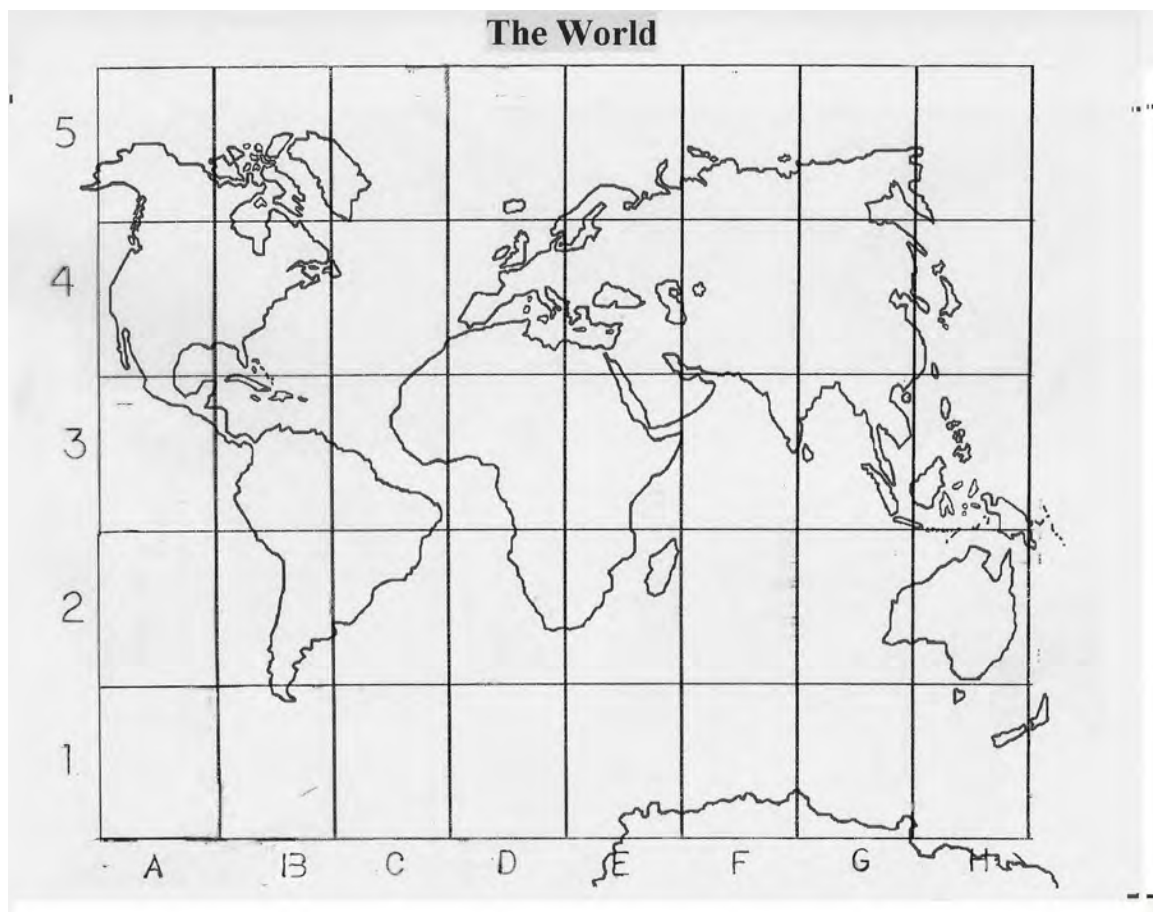
E1	B2	B4	B2	D5	B2

Less Than 1 Million Muslims

### Activity:

Give grid readings for the following countries using the map. In larger countries there may be more than one grid reading. The first one is done for you.

Country	Grid Location	Country	Grid Location
Indonesia	<u>H3</u>	Pakistan	_____
Bangladesh	_____	India	_____
Iran	_____	Turkey	_____
United States	_____	Germany	_____
Canada	_____		



## Clothing

### Head coverings



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In many countries, Muslims cover their heads. Some men wear a cap.

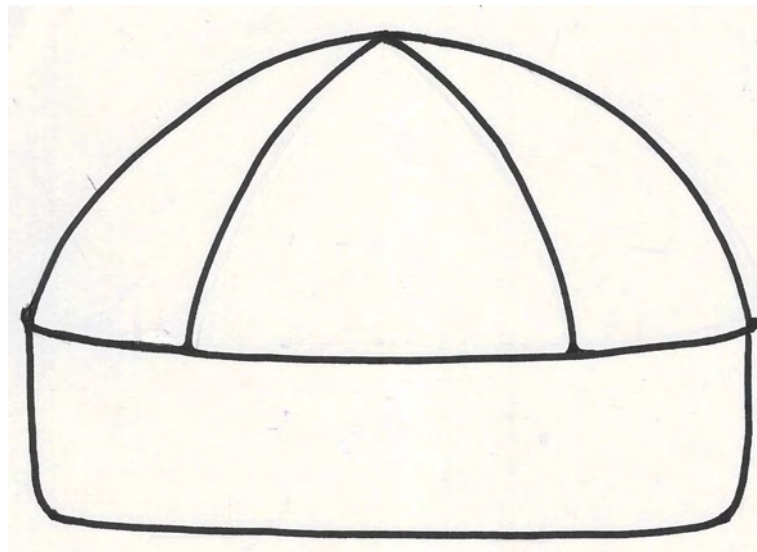


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Muslim boys often wear brightly coloured caps.

#### Activity:

Using the outline of the cap, brightly colour and decorate it.





Some Muslim women cover their heads and upper body with a large scarf. This large scarf is called a hijab. There are many different ways to wear hijab.



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## Activity:

What do you like to wear on your head? Draw a picture of your favourite hat.

- i) When do you wear your favourite hat?
- ii) Who made your favourite hat?
- iii) How long have you had your favourite hat?

## Other clothes

Clothing worn by all people reflects the climate in which they live. Many Muslims live in hot climates. Their clothing needs to be light. White clothing is cooler than dark clothing. Their clothing also needs to protect them from the sun.



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Traditionally, clothing was made from cotton. It was a cool fabric to wear in a hot country. Some clothing was made from linen. Linen is made from plant fibres. Today, Muslims still wear clothes made from cotton and linen but also wear synthetic and woolen fabrics.



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### Activity:

Look at the labels on the clothes you are wearing.

What fabric(s) was used in making your clothes?

Where were your clothes made?



# Family life

Muslims believe that the family is the cornerstone of their society. In the past, Muslim families were extended. There could be three or more generations living in one house. Some Muslim families still live like that but others are different.

Some Muslim families are more nuclear. Only the father, the mother, and their children live together.

## Activity:

- How many generations live at your house?
- Would you like your grandparents to live with you? Why?
- Write about or draw a picture showing what is unique or special about your family.



## Marriage



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Marriage is important in Muslim families. A wedding is a time of great celebration. Some brides decorate their feet and hands with designs using henna. Henna is made from the leaves of the henna shrub. The leaves are dried and then pounded into powder. This powder is then used as red dye.

### Activity:

You may find other pictures on the internet or in the school library. You may just want to create your own design on the hand.



# Children

Muslim children attend classes to learn Arabic. In Canada, these classes are after their regular school. Muslims believe that is important for all Muslims to be able to read and write in Arabic. The Qur'an, the book that tells about Islam, is written in Arabic.

ا ب ت ث ج ح خ  
د ذ ر ز س ش  
ص ض ط ظ ع غ  
ف ق ك ل م ن ه  
و ي

*The Arabic alphabet has 28 letters.*

When you read Arabic, you start at the right hand side and read towards the left. When you write words, you begin at the right hand side of the line and move left.



## Activity:

This is how you write boy in Arabic.

ولد

Try and write boy yourself following the dots.

boy

ولد

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## Activity:

Try and write girl yourself following the dots.

girl

بنت

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Muslim children are also taught to be kind, caring, and respectful of their parents, friends and teachers. Muslim children attend the mosque regularly. They are taught how to read the Qur'an. They sit on the floor. They should behave well.



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## Activity:

- Describe a place where you are expected to behave.
- Who teaches you what to do?
- What happens when you do not follow the rules?

## Final Activity

H Y G F J N L F V B N F O A D  
H Y U G W N V C V O K J U I T  
I X A D P M C V M U Q R C U O  
J N C N W Q P Y F H H S M X T  
A A D O N E N I L F E L J U I  
B D G O T X H O M T N L A O F  
P W W I N T R C A B N R Q Q W  
Z F H V U E O T R O A K W V H  
K W H H C N S N R B T Q B S J  
I W T D L D W I I R E F D V C  
N C H N E E Q C A H Z N Y A A  
V A G T A D U Y G S Q I F J M  
V F I G R J P T E O E F U V N  
Y N R N Z Z D S M K D B W S K  
U Y G P V Q N V F L K O G E Y

Use the clues below to help you find the words in the puzzle.

1. The language all Muslims learn
2. A cool fabric
3. Three generations of one family living together
4. Leaves used for colour
5. Women's head covering
6. Men's head covering
7. Country with the largest number of Muslims
8. Fabric made from plant fibers
9. Wedding
10. Family with only parents and children living together
11. Side of the page you begin reading Arabic
12. Country with 4 million Muslims
13. Cool colour