# My Heritage: "\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jewish History"



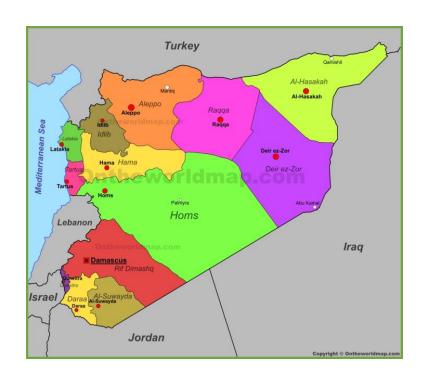


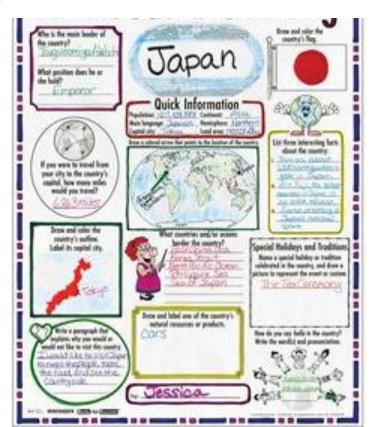
If we know where we came from, we may better know where to go. If we know who we came from, we may better understand who we are

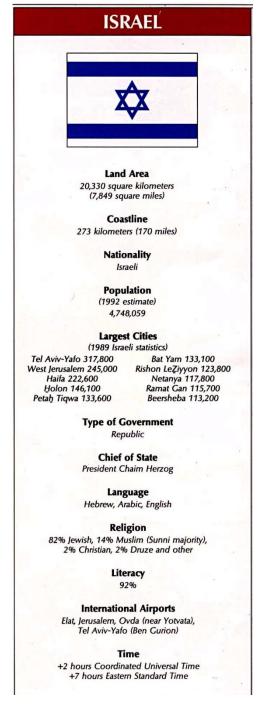
Students will conduct a research project and present it to the class.

- What is your heritage?
- Identity? Describe who you are & identity circle. American, \_\_\_\_\_, Jew- Which one do you identify most with? Or most important to you? List 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, last and explain why.
- How much do you care about your heritage? (1-100) Explain why it's important for you.

 "All About a Country" Map & research basic info about your country of origin. (language, population, religion...)







- Interview project
- What was culture like for a Syrian Jew living in Syria? Provide short summary.
- What is culture like for a Syrian Jew living in the U.S.? Provide short summary.
- Compare & contrast life in country of origin vs life in U.S.



- 1. Who was the first ancestor in your family to immigrate? When?
- 2. What was the specific reason why your ancestors immigrated?
- 3. What was the name of the ship and the port of entry?
- 4. What were the names of the cities or towns in the United States to which your relatives immigrated?
- 5. What occupations did your immigrant ancestors have when they first arrived?
- 6. What were the special family traditions that have been handed down?
- 7. If you immigrated to the United States, what is your name? Where and when were you born?
- 8. What do you know about your family name? Has it undergone any changes?
- 9. What was the journey like?
- 10. Which family members came along and/or stayed behind?
- 11. What were some of your first impressions and early experiences in this country?
- 12. What languages do you speak? Do you speak a different language in different settings, such as home, school, or work?
- 13. What are some of your childhood memories?
- 14. What games did you play when you were a child?
- 15. How are holidays traditionally celebrated in your family?
- 16. What special food tradition does your family have? Have any recipes been preserved and passed down in your family from generation to generation? (Include the recipe.)
- 17. What family heirlooms or keepsakes and mementos do you possess?

 Create a family tree (write country born in, d.o.b. and maiden name) going back to at least great grand-parents (you may go back further)- you choose father or mother side.

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- Show & Tell: present a Syrian food
  - ➤ Describe it (ingredients? recipe? occasions for eating it?)



• Music: Find 1 song from your country of origin, play it to the class (20-30 seconds), translate its lyrics and meaning

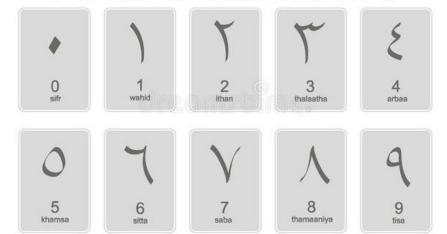


 Create an ideal community and include features that are needed to preserve your heritage? Explain why those features are needed (Ex: school, shul, museum)



- Learn some of your Heritage alphabet & numbers
- Students will learn how to write their names in origin langue

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