

The Places In Between: Historical Context

Day 2: Part II Historical Context of Afghanistan

11/4-5

Essential Question: Is a country's history just as important as its current affairs?

Objective: Connect historical information in the text to its effect on current events in order to understand historical significance.

Do Now: Reading check: page 33 extract from:

"There has been war for 24 years. There is no water. The villagers are poor, illiterate, mad and dangerous. Afghanistan is destroyed" " But I was not sure how the exact words of the slogan had become so fixed or what part of the media had played in it all. It told me nothing about this community" "I still expected Afghanistan to look like and apocalyptic wasteland, with untended fields and a shattered society held to ransom by the dangerous and the traumatized"

Activity:

- Research historical context: Afghanistan and the Taliban, Afghanistan and Russia, Afghanistan and the U.S
- Students get into groups of 3 or 4 and assigned a topic with articles and questions. Students answer questions

Resources:

- <http://www.understandingwar.org/russia-and-afghanistan> Russian Invasion
- <http://www.cfr.org/afghanistan/taliban-afghanistan/p10551> Taliban
- http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/us-afghanistan-sign-security-pact-to-allow-american-forces-to-remain-in-country/2014/09/30/48f555ce-4879-11e4-a046-120a8a855cca_story.html American Involvement
- <http://www.sabawoon.com/Afghanpedia/History.CivilWar.shtm> Afghan Civil War
- http://womenshistory.about.com/library/ency/blwh_ghanistan_gender_roles.htm Gender Roles

Common Core:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.11-12.4

Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.

IB Learner Profile: Open Minded

Assessment: Questions posted for gallery walk

Homework: Pages 37-55

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Civil War in Afghanistan

1. When did this occur?
2. Why did this occur?
3. What was the outcome?
4. What countries got involved?
5. What about this situation is interesting?
6. What questions do you have after doing your research?

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Customs and Traditions of Afghanistan

1. What language is spoken in Afghanistan?
2. What does the traditional family look like?
3. What is the custom for hospitality in Afghanistan?
4. What is the customary dress for men and women?
5. What is the custom for greeting someone and saying goodbye to someone?
6. What does the current government of Afghanistan?
7. What else did you find interesting about their culture or traditions?
8. What questions do you have after researching?

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Russian Invasion

1. When did Russia (Soviets) invade Afghanistan?
2. What event caused them to invade?
3. What did they hope they would accomplish through this invasion?
4. What else was happening in the world during this invasion?
5. How did those in Afghanistan feel about Russia's involvement?
6. What did you find interesting about the invasion?
7. What questions do you have after researching?

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Gender Roles in Afghanistan

1. What differences in opportunities for education are there for men and women?
2. What differences in employment opportunities are there for men and women?
3. What does the process of marriage look like for both men and women?
4. Explain the interactions allowed between men and women who are not related to one another.
5. What are the difficulties for women living in Afghanistan?
6. Afghanistan has been on the top ten worst places to live if you are a woman. Why?
7. What about your research did you find interesting?
8. What questions do you have after researching?

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Taliban

1. How did the Taliban come to be?
2. When did they come into power in Afghanistan?
3. When did they fall from power in Afghanistan?
4. What types of laws did they impose on the country?
5. How did they affect the treatment of women in Afghanistan?
6. How do the people of Afghanistan feel about the Taliban?
7. What did you find interesting about your research?
8. What questions do you have after researching?

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American Influence

1. When did America get involved with Afghanistan? (May be more than one date...)
2. Why (in most recent history did we get involved in Afghanistan? (Do not put 9/11)
3. How has the United States helped the people of Afghanistan?
4. How has the United States hurt the people of Afghanistan?
5. Overall, how do the people of Afghanistan feel about US involvement?
6. What did you find interesting in your research?
7. What questions did you have after researching?