

Culture Topic: Travel

In this assignment, we'll focus on travel, including overlaps with culture and politics.

Findings and Observations: Here you write down the facts and information you found as well as your opinions about what you discovered. Please write in such a way as to distinguish between facts and opinions! And please, DO NOT PLAGIARIZE, i.e. copy and paste from a website directly into the chart below – at least, not without putting the information in quotes. Try to synthesize the information for yourself as much as possible.

Please keep in mind that all sources are written from a particular perspective, even if this is not explicit!

Sources: Write your sources here. Please include no less than three separate sources throughout this assignment! When you document your sources, make sure you do so in such a way so that someone else can find the source. “YouTube” or “The New York Times” is not acceptable documentation; in other words, be sure to include the link or the title of the article. For this assignment, all sources are fair game for analysis, such as: personal opinions (as expressed on YouTube or an op-ed), personal interviews/conversations with Arabs (friends and family can count as sources!), Wikipedia, or more general articles or videos focused on these topics.

Note: for this particular assignment (such as things you want to look for in a neighborhood), ‘sources’ may be hard to come by. Do your best.

Notes from class discussion: This you leave blank until classtime, where you note interesting things that you learned (or disagreed with) from your classmates and instructor based on the class discussion.

Bring your chart and any sources you would like to share with your classmates to class.

In class, we will discuss these issues first in small groups and then as a full class. Your grade for this assignment will be based on your preparation and research as well as your participation in the class discussion.

It is absolutely critical that you complete this culture assignment *before class starts* Attendance is also critical on this day!

Please answer all of the questions below as best as you can:

1) What are some famous tourist destinations in the Arab world? What does a typical visit there include? Would you like to visit them?	
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2) What types of hospitality traditions exist in the Arab world? How does this intersect with tourism?
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3) What types of restrictions (legal, cultural, social, financial) impact travelers from the Arab world traveling within or outside of it? What are some examples? What counts as “travel” v. “migration” v. “study abroad”? (See this post for some ideas on the latter).	
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4) If you were to travel to the Middle East, what are some cultural practices that might impact your trip? How so?	
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5) What other interesting information did you find?	
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