

Cultural Awareness

Combined Arms Research Library

"Internet Sites - DOD

[Air Force Center for Regional and Cultural Studies](http://www.au.af.mil/culture/research.htm) -- Provides information on cultural topics, particularly on their "research and theory" page at <http://www.au.af.mil/culture/research.htm>

[Cultural Awareness and the Military](#) -- Online bibliography of sources from Air University Library.

[Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center](#) -- Provides links to Field Support Modules, familiarization guides, and language courses.

[USMC Center For Advanced Operational Culture Learning \(CAOCL\)](#) -- "This site contains culturally relevant resources such as current news and analysis, maps and images, digital media debriefs, tactics, and language (Arabic, Russia, French, Spanish, Turkish, and Uzbek)."

Internet Sites - Non-DOD

[Al Bawaba](#) -- Al Bawaba is the largest independent content producer in the Middle East, and provides daily news feeds to the world's top international publishers, including Reuters, Financial Times, and Dow Jones.

[Arab American Institute](#) -- "The Arab American Institute was organized in 1985 to represent Arab American interests in government and politics. AAI provides leadership training and strategies in electoral politics and policy issues that concern Arab Americans."

[Arabnet](#) -- ArabNet is owned by ArabNet Technology (ANT), part of the Saudi Research and Marketing Group, publisher of the leading newspapers and magazines in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

[A Brief Illustrated Guide to Understanding Islam](#) -- "This Islamic guide is for non-Muslims who would like to understand Islam, Muslims (Moslems), and the Holy Quran (Koran). It is rich in information, references, bibliography, and illustrations. It has been reviewed and edited by many professors and well-educated people. It is brief and

simple to read, yet contains much scientific knowledge. It contains the whole book, *A Brief Illustrated Guide to Understanding Islam*, and more”.

[**Global Connections: The Middle East**](#) -- Global Connections is the online home to a family of sites created to help teachers, students, and the general public to learn more about events around the world through readings, lesson plans, links, timelines, and maps.

[**The Koran**](#) -- an electronic version of The Holy Qur'an, translated by M. H. Shakir and published by Tahrike Tarsile Qur'an, Inc., in 1983.

[**IslamAmerica**](#) -- IslamAmerica presents material intended to stimulate thought and discussion about the emerging role of Muslims living in America. Our aim is to contribute to the presence of a Muslim community that is constructively engaged in improving the social fabric of America for all of its citizens.

[**The Islam Website: Islam, Islamic Studies, Arabic, Religion**](#) -- Resources for Studying Islam and the Diverse Perspectives of Muslims.

[**LingNet**](#) -- LingNet hosts materials developed at DLI by the Curriculum Development Division.

[**Middle Eastern Cultures**](#) -- Basic overviews from the EMuseum, University of Minnesota, Mankato.

[**Project Maps: Muslims in American Public Square**](#) -- Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding (CMCU), Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., founded in 1993. Project MAPS provides information on Islam and Muslims' participation in the civic life of American society.

[**World FactBook**](#) -- The FactBook provides essential elements of basic intelligence on all areas of the world.

Language Training and Support

[**Field Support Modules \(DLI\)**](#)

[**How To Communicate Effectively Through Interpreters: A Guide for Leaders**](#)

[**International Pronunciation Guide**](#) -- From Voice of America.

Resources for Finding Articles

[Academic Search Complete](#) -- Indexes 7,800+ scholarly journals, with full text for 4,000 titles. Covers social sciences, humanities, education, computer science and engineering, general science, medicine, ethnic studies, and more. 1965- present for selected titles.

Search Examples:

Try typing the following in the search box: ***islam and culture and middle east and western***

One of the articles found by this search is: " A brush with the ***Middle East.***" Click on the title to see a summary of the article, and other information.

The asterisk (*) is a "wildcard" character that allows retrieval of any ending on a word. For example try typing: ***islam* and politic* and iran****

Parentheses are useful when "this term" or "that term" is acceptable in search results: ***children and (islam or middle east)***

[Country Watch](#) -- Up to the minute information on every country of the world, with news, statistics and maps.

[JSTOR](#) -- Top of the line scholarly backlog database, providing full text access to a number of major journals in History, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences.

[Historical Abstracts](#) -- Index of journal articles, dissertations and book reviews on all aspects of world history from 1450 to the present, excluding the United States and Canada.

[America History and Life](#) -- Index of journal articles, dissertations and book reviews on all aspects of North American history (United States and Canada). 1964- present.

For more resources go to:

http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/cgsc/carl/databases/db_data.asp

[The CARL Catalog:](#)

http://comarms.ipac.dynixasp.com/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=carl_cgsc&reloadxsl=true#focus

The Library catalog lists books, journals (not articles, just journal titles), government publications, and media that the library owns or to which CARL users have access. The default "general" search looks for words in the title, author, subject headings, and contents notes. The "general" search is an excellent way to begin exploring the Library

catalog. When you find a good book on your topic, look for the Subjects (Library of Congress subject headings) in the full catalog record. Click on a subject heading to do a new search. Library of Congress subject headings are a useful way to search because every book is assigned one or more subject headings that relate to the major focus of the work.

Google: Basic and Advanced Searching <http://www.google.com>

Google can be used to find definitions of unfamiliar words. It is very important to take note of the source of the definitions, of course. For example, in the Google search box try typing: **define:fatwas** to find several definitions and web sites with examples.

To do a more precise Google search, try these techniques:

Enclose a phrase in quotation marks: **"arabic culture"**

You may combine terms with OR (caps only!): **islam OR iran OR iraq**

Complex searches are possible: **"Arabic culture" bibliography (islam OR iran OR iraq)**

Use a plus sign to force search for a common word: **"World War +II"**

Use a minus sign to exclude a word from a search: **Islam -terrorism**
