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Tutorial: The Middle East in the Popular Imagination

Goals:

The goal of the tutorial is to provide you the basic skills needed for success at Grinnell College. These include:

1. reading critically,
2. writing well-organized pieces in the style required by the specific assignment with no or few technical errors,
3. paraphrasing and citing sources appropriately,
4. using the library and internet to find source materials and assessing their usefulness,
5. considering other possible sources and types of information, including original data,
6. participating effectively in class discussions, and
7. giving formal presentations.

Along the way, we will do some exploration of the way the Middle East has been portrayed in the popular media! Obviously, this is an ambitious agenda and you will continue perfecting all of these skills during your entire Grinnell education.

I will be your advisor as well as your tutorial professor. Please feel free to come by whenever you wish, so I can get to know you better and to consult about anything that is on your mind.

Requirements:

1. Class attendance—You are expected to be in class on time and not to miss classes.
2. Class discussion—15% Plan on participating every class period. Make sure your remarks are informed by the readings and are relevant to the discussion. We will discuss some techniques for class discussion, as the course progresses.
3. Summary Assignment (Said's Orientalism)—10% Due Sept 1.
4. Analysis Assignment (Analysis of a single image)—10% Due Sept. 15

5. Analysis Assignment Presentation—5% Sept. 15 or 17, as Scheduled.
6. Group Presentation on Veils and Daggers—10% Due as Scheduled.
7. Journal Entry Assignment—10% Due Oct. 15
8. Reaction Paper—10% Due Nov. 3
9. Paper Commentaries—10% Total
10. Final Paper—10% Due Dec. 1
11. Final Paper Presentation—10% Due as Scheduled.

Tentative Class Schedule (Subject to revisions, if desirable)

Date	In Class Activity	Assignment Due
27-Aug	Watch Said film; Discuss Reading Assignment.	Read: <i>They Say: I Say</i> , Introduction, Chs 1-3.
1-Sep	Discuss Reading and Assignments	Read: <i>Covering Islam</i> , Introduction to the Vintage Edition; Summary Assignment Due.
2-Sep	Attend Rosenfield Talk, if possible	4:15 Mayer: The Dark Side
3-Sep	Research Resources Introduction. Discuss Reading Assignment. Note: Lynn Hunt Convocation (Inventing Human Rights) is immediately after class--Please attend.	Read: <i>They Say; I Say</i> ; Ch 4-7.
8-Sep	Discuss Readings (critiques) and Presentation Tips	Find and read critique of Said. Turn in article and be ready to discuss it and summarize its arguments.
10-Sep	No Class--Facilities Trip	Work on Analysis Paper
15-Sep	Individual presentations	Analysis Paper Due
17-Sep	Individual presentations	
22-Sep	Breakout Groups to Discuss Papers	Analysis paper Evaluations/Commentaries Due
24-Sep	Discuss Reading: Organize Presentation Groups	Johnstone, Barbara, 2002. <i>Discourse Analysis</i> . Ch. 1, Introduction, 1-18.
29-Sep	Discuss Readings	<i>Veils and Daggers</i> , Ch. 1; <i>They Say: I Say</i> , Ch. 8-10 and Entering Class Discussions (pp.133-5)

1-Oct	Discuss Readings and Reading Presentations/Discussions	<i>Veils and Daggers</i> , Chs. 2-3
6-Oct	Discuss Readings and Reading Presentations/Discussions	<i>Veils and Daggers</i> , Chs. 4-5
8-Oct	Discuss Readings and Reading Presentations/Discussions	<i>Veils and Daggers</i> , Afterward
13-Oct	Discuss Reading	<i>Guests of the Sheik</i> , Ch. 1-8.
15-Oct	Discuss Reading	<i>Guests of the Sheik</i> , Ch. 9-19. Journal Entry Assignment.
Break		Relax
27-Oct	Discuss Reading	<i>Guests of the Sheik</i> , Ch. 20- Postscript and Fernea, E. W. and R. A. Fernea. 1997. <i>The Arab World: Forty Years of Change</i> , pp. 447-528.
29-Oct	Board Meeting/Library Research Session	Library Research Session/ Library Research Session
3-Nov	Discuss Reading	Al-Hibra, Azizah. 2005. Muslim Women's Rights in the Global Village. In <i>Shattering the Stereotypes: Muslim Women Speak Out</i> . Fawzia Afzal-Khan, ed. Pp. 158-178.
5-Nov	Research Paper Conferences	Reaction Paper Due Nov. 5.
10-Nov	Breakout Groups to Discuss Reaction Papers	Commentary on Reaction Papers Due.
12-Nov	Conference	Watch Persepolis.
17-Nov	Discuss Readings	<i>The Great Satan vs The Mad Mullahs</i> , Chs 1-6
19-Nov	Discuss Readings	<i>The Great Satan vs The Mad Mullahs</i> , Chs. 7--9. Reaction Paper Due.
24-Nov	Discuss Readings	<i>The Great Satan vs The Mad Mullahs</i> , Chs. 10-11.
26-Nov	Thanksgiving/ Id Al Adha	
1-Dec	Research Presentations	Final Research Paper Due.
3-Dec	Research Presentations	
8-Dec	Research Presentations	
10-Dec	Wind-up and Celebration	

