



# Iraq

## *Digital Resources and Children's Books*

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### **Kid-Friendly Videos:**

Images of Iraq (K-12<sup>th</sup>): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjBQgpk0Au0>

7 Facts about Iraq (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NW4gHDWSXro>

Mesopotamia (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sohXPx\\_XZ6Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sohXPx_XZ6Y)

Lives in Baghdad 2015 (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftPHG8yGuts>

Iraqi National Troupe-Women (K-12<sup>th</sup>): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GP3UXElpaxc>

Iraqi National Troupe-men (K-12<sup>th</sup>): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHntjxCivBA>

Iraqis cooking in Melbourne (K-12<sup>th</sup>): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GiGdL\\_9EhQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GiGdL_9EhQ)

### **Websites:**

Nat Geo Kids (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>): <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/iraq/>

Iraqi Games (K-12<sup>th</sup>): <http://www.wartgames.com/themes/ancient/mesopotamia.html>

Photos of Iraqi Architecture (K-12<sup>th</sup>):

<http://architecture.about.com/cs/countriescultures/a/iraq.htm>

Countries and their Cultures (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): <http://www.everyculture.com/Ge-It/Iraq.html>

Arabic Calligraphy (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>):

<http://www.metmuseum.org/learn/for-educators/publications-for-educators/~media/Files/Learn/For%20Educators/Publications%20for%20Educators/Islamic%20Teacher%20Resource/Unit2.pdf>

PSU Teaching Tools Iraq (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>):

<http://www.middleeastpdx.org/resources/countries/iraq/>

Silent Music (Teachers of K-5<sup>th</sup>):

<http://rgreen1990.blogspot.com/2013/10/silent-music.html>

## Lesson Plans:

The Spice Game (K-12<sup>th</sup>): <https://vimeo.com/15534293>

Art of Iraq (K-12<sup>th</sup>):

<http://www.getty.edu/education/teacherartexchange/archive/Jan03/0257.html>

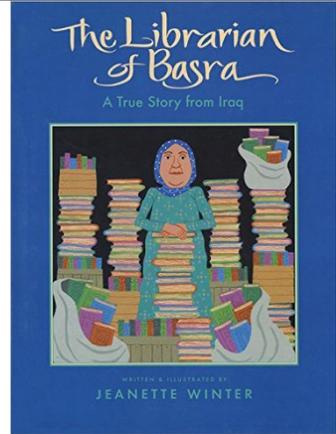
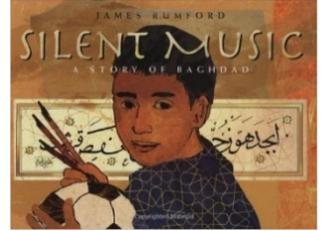
Mesopotamia (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>): <http://www.proteacher.com/090097.shtml>

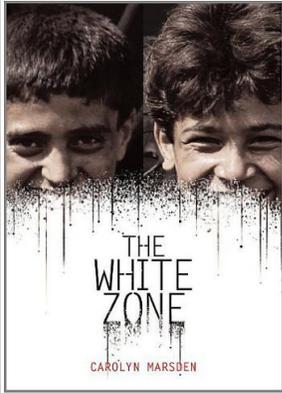
Daily Life in Iraq (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>): <http://www.middleeastpdx.org/resources/countries/iraq/>

## Children's Books:

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Selection of Young Reader Books set in Iraq: <http://info.nhpr.org/node/32400>

	<p><b>Title:</b> The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq <b>Author:</b> Jeanette Winter <b>Grade:</b> K-5<sup>th</sup> <b>Publisher:</b> HMH Books for Young Readers <b>ISBN:</b> 0152054456 <b>Summary:</b> Alia Muhammad Baker is a librarian in Basra, Iraq. For fourteen years, her library has been a meeting place for those who love books. Until now. Now war has come, and Alia fears that the library--along with the thirty thousand books within it--will be destroyed forever. In a war-stricken country where civilians--especially women--have little power, this true story about a librarian's struggle to save her community's priceless collection of books reminds us all how, throughout the world, the love of literature and the respect for knowledge know no boundaries.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad <b>Author:</b> James Rumford <b>Grade:</b> K-4<sup>th</sup> <b>Publisher:</b> Roaring Brook Press <b>ISBN:</b> 1596432764 <b>Summary:</b> Like other children living in Baghdad, Ali loves soccer, music and dancing, but most of all, he loves the ancient art of calligraphy. When bombs begin to fall on his city, Ali turns to his pen, writing sweeping and gliding words to the silent music that drowns out the war all around him. Gorgeously illustrated with collage, pencil and charcoal drawings and, of course, exquisite calligraphy, this timely and yet universal story celebrates art and history but also offers young children a way to understand all they see and hear on the news.</p>



**Title:** The White Zone

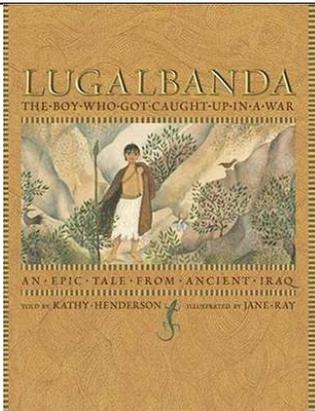
**Author:** Carolyn Marsden

**Grade:** 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**Publisher:** Carolrhoda Books

**ISBN:** 0761373837

**Summary:** In early 2008, Iraq experienced a miracle. Snow fell in Baghdad for the first time in living memory. As snow covered the dusty streets, the guns in the city grew silent and there was an unofficial ceasefire. During these magical minutes, Sunni and Shiite differences were forgotten. There was no green zone, no red zone. There was only the white zone.



**Title:** Lugalbanda: The Boy Who got Caught up in a War

**Author:** Kathy Henderson

**Grade:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

**Publisher:** Candlewick

**ISBN:** 0763627828

**Summary:** In this retelling of an ancient Sumerian tale, young prince Lugalbanda is determined to join his brother in battle, but he collapses during the arduous journey. From generous gods and goddesses, he acquires the strength and magical powers that allow him to help bring a peaceful resolution to war.

Found in Iraq and older than the Bible, the Koran, or the Torah, this stirring epic - the world's oldest written story - now becomes available to a general readership for the very first time.



**Title:** Iraq: Exploring Countries

**Author:** Lisa Owings

**Grade:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

**Publisher:** Bellwether Media

**ISBN:** 1600145922

**Summary:** Did you know that Iraq was home to the oldest known human civilization on Earth? This area used to be known as Mesopotamia, and many different ancient peoples lived there. Readers will learn about daily life in Iraq, contemporary Iraqi culture, and the changes the country is going through today.