



Afghanistan

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid-Friendly Videos:

Documentary-Afghanistan, The Unknown Country (6th-12th):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcbHMv6jTpE>

Faces of Afghans (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHd_NYWzKq0

Ethnic Groups of Afghanistan: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1v2YYxacYk

Nomadic Kuchi People of Afghanistan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUflnBzpRE8>

How to greet someone in Afghanistan *Pashto* (k-12th):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmWzj_nT-L8

Images of Afghanistan (K-12th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XSJ-OM7xf8>

Geography Now! Afghanistan (6th-12th):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipVw772hCrM>

Men's Clothing in Afghanistan (K-12th):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UojBXs-25EY>

Women's Clothing in Afghanistan (K-12th):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXu7Eh8Mq2o>

Kuchi Women's Traditional Dress: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F6HwPJMcBE>

Afghan Instrumental Music (K-12th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsXmKcNalW4>

Afghan Wedding Dance (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1W7zf_V-ryQ

Afghan Dance (K-12th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d36Sd1qKxaQ>

Traditional Buzkashi Game *vet* (6th-12th):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4hfaJq-P8l>

Carpet Making in Afghanistan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGGPsNvk6Rg>

Websites:

National Geographic Kids (1st-5th):

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/afghanistan/>

Ducksters Geography(2nd-5th):

<http://www.ducksters.com/geography/country/afghanistan.php>

Fact Monster (4th-8th): <http://www.factmonster.com/country/afghanistan.html>

Every Culture-Overview (9th-12th): <http://www.everyculture.com/A-Bo/Afghanistan.html>

Ethnic Groups of Afghanistan:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_groups_in_Afghanistan

Afghan Traditional Kids Games: <https://ourpastimes.com/afghan-traditional-kids-games-13583151.html>

Carpets and Rugs of Afghanistan:

<https://www.afghan-web.com/culture/carpets-and-rugs/>

Tea and Hospitality in Afghanistan: <https://www.afghancultureunveiled.com/humaira-ghilzai/afghancooking/2013/10/tea-and-hospitality-in-afghanistan.html>

Lesson Plans:

Afghanistan Teacher Resources: [https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/afghanistan/12?msclkid=80a856b5a1151d3b01eb082bb32155b4&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DSA%20\(WS\)&utm_term=lessonplanet&utm_content=All%20Webpages](https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/afghanistan/12?msclkid=80a856b5a1151d3b01eb082bb32155b4&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DSA%20(WS)&utm_term=lessonplanet&utm_content=All%20Webpages)

Lesson Planet Afghanistan: <https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/afghanistan/all>

Lesson: Geography of Afghanistan

http://media.nationalgeographic.org/assets/file/Afghanistan-lesson-plan_2.pdf

Afghanistan Today: Civil War & Human Rights:

<http://www.pbs.org/americaresponds/afghanistantoday.html>:

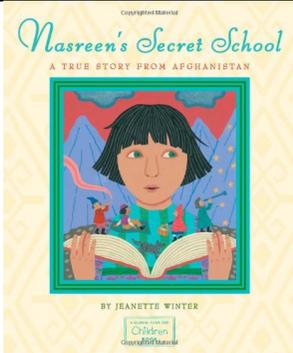
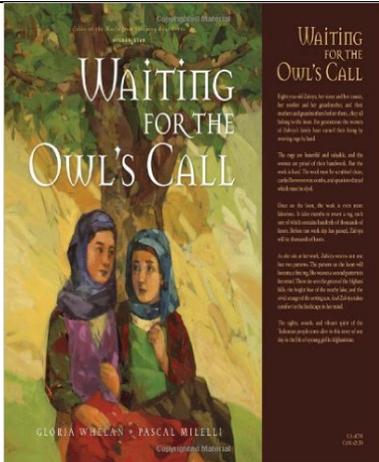
Women's Rights in Afghanistan (7-12):

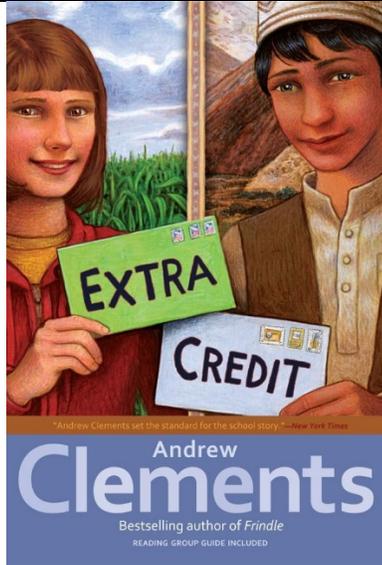
http://www-tc.pbs.org/independentlens/afghanistanunveiled/edu_2.pdf

War in Afghanistan; Teacher Resources: <https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/war-in-afghanistan/all>

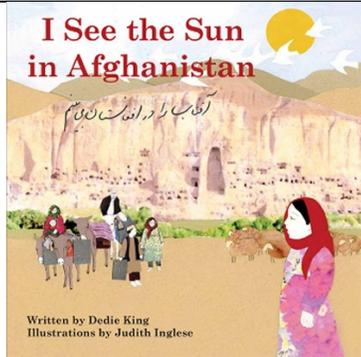
"Kite Runner" Lesson Plans <https://www.storyboardthat.com/lesson-plans/kite-runner-by-khaled-hosseini>

Children's Books:

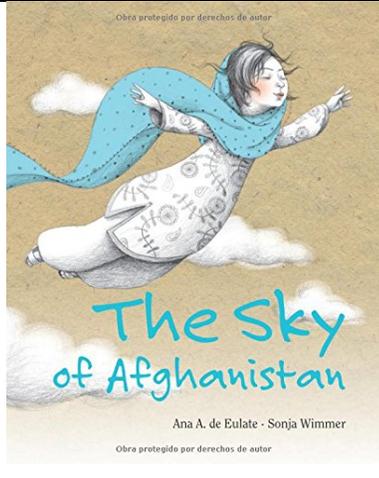
 <p><i>Nasreen's Secret School</i> A TRUE STORY FROM AFGHANISTAN BY JEANETTE WINTER</p>	<p>Title: Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan Author: Jeanette Winter Grade Level: 1 - 4 Publisher: Beach Lane Books (October 6, 2009) Language: English ISBN-10: 1416994378 Summary: Based on a true story from Afghanistan, this inspiring book will touch readers deeply as it affirms both the life-changing power of education and the healing power of love.</p>
 <p><i>Waiting for the Owl's Call</i> GEORGIA WECKAN • PASCAL MIELELLI</p>	<p>Title: Author: Grade: K-5th Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press ISBN: 1585364185 Summary: Eight-year-old Zulviya, her sister and her cousin, her mother and her grandmother... they all belong to the loom. For generations the women of Zulviya's family have earned their living by weaving rugs by hand. The rugs are valuable and the women are proud of their beautiful handiwork. As she sits at her work, Zulviya weaves not one but two patterns. The pattern on the loom will become a fine rug. She weaves a second pattern in her mind. There she sees the green of the Afghani hills, the bright blue of the nearby lake, and the vivid orange of the setting sun. And Zulviya takes comfort in the landscape in her mind. To find recipes, games, interactives maps and much more for this title visit www.discovertheworldbooks.com!</p>



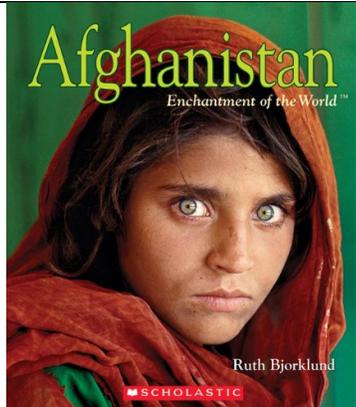
Title: Extra Credit
Author: Andrew Clements
Age Range: 8 - 12 years
Grade Level: 3 - 7
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers
ISBN-10: 1416949313
Summary: It isn't that Abby Carson can't do her schoolwork. She just doesn't *like* doing it. And consequently, Abby will have to repeat sixth grade—unless she meets some specific conditions, including taking on an extra credit project: find a pen pal in a distant country. But when Abby's first letter arrives at a small school in Afghanistan, complications arise. The elders agree that any letters going back to America must be written well, but the only qualified English-speaking student is a boy. And in this village, it's not proper for a boy to correspond with a girl. So, Sadeed's sister will dictate and sign the letters for him. But what about the villagers who believe that girls should not be anywhere near a school? And what about those who believe that any contact with Americans is...unhealthy?



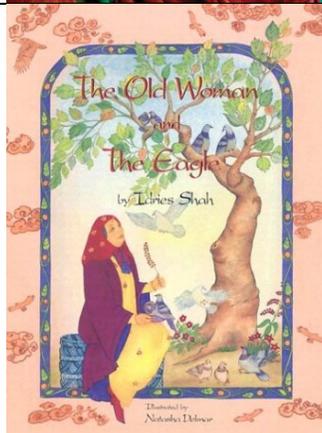
Title: I See the Sun in Afghanistan
Author: Dedie King
Age Range: 5 and up
Grade Level: Kindergarten and up
Paperback: 40 pages
Publisher: Satya House Publications; 1 edition (July 1, 2011)
ISBN-10: 0981872085
Summary: Through the eyes of a child, I See the Sun in Afghanistan portrays a culture that emphasizes patriarchal family, love of country and fierce loyalty to family and tribe. Although the story takes place against the backdrop of war, it is not political, but a simple story about one day in the life of a young girl. . A country overview and glossary is included for parents and teachers who want to go beyond the story and talk more about Afghanistan and why it is important.



Title: The Sky of Afghanistan
Author: Ana A de Eulate
Age Range: 5 - 7 years
Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2
Publisher: Cuento de Luz (August 1, 2012)
ISBN-10: 8415503040
Summary: Beautifully illustrated and undeniably moving, this is the story of a little Afghan girl's dreams of peace. As her country is wracked by war, a girl's imagination drifts toward the idea of peace for her people and for her country. Her powerful dreams soon take wing and fill the homes and hearts of those around her, uniting a people in their common desire for peace.



Title: Afghanistan
Author: Ruth Bjorklund
Age Range: 10 and up
Lexile Measure: 1020L ([What's this?](#))
Series: Enchantment of the World. Second Series
Publisher: Childrens Pr (September 1, 2011)
ISBN-10: 0531253503
Summary: Take a trip around the world with the latest from the Enchantment of the World series!



Title: The Old Woman and the Eagle
Author: Idries Shah
Hardcover: 28 pages
Publisher: Hoopoe Books; 1 edition (April 1 2003)
ISBN-10: 1883536278
Summary: This tale is one of a series specially presented for children by the Afghan author Idries Shah, who, for more than 30 years, collected stories from the Sufi tradition and adapted them to contemporary Western culture. Told since ancient times throughout Afghanistan, Central Asia and the Middle East, such tales are used by Sufis to foster greater mental flexibility and insight in young and old alike.