Saudi Arabia

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Saudi Arabia, Open for Tourists: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcR3yeyBJ40
The History of Saudi Arabia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-pHKrIvxbs
Saudi Royal Family Explained: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1gedfN2mtY
Geography Now, Saudi Arabia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tP68QwVvAZk
The Saudi Arabian Empty Quarter: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wl_Jcuiz-d3U
The City of Mecca: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSYwfYmzNhE
Medina, Holy City of Prophet Muhammad: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yMTVpKUzT8
The Changing Face of Saudi Arabian Women: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnP0_6MVYq0
Traditional Dress of Women: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nQIxcZs3QSaud
How to wear a Man’s Bisht Coat: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dd1ZV3PExT0
The House of Traditional Arts: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zpC/GLahXs
Arabic Musical Instruments: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAqqYlhUCDQ
Introducing the Arabic Oud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KA5VdzRHi-U
Dance, Drumming and Poetry in Saudi Arabia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dinIKjrqW0
Top 5 Dishes of Saudi Arabia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gksdRJY7rql
Wild Arabia Hidden in the Dessert: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePAvmW3YxZ
Camels and Dromedaries, Nomads of the Sahara: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxwqwD5O6_Q
Websites:

Overview of Saudi Arabia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia

Political Map of Saudi Arabia: https://www.nationononline.org/oneworld/map/saudi-arabia-map.htm

Tribes of Arabia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribes_of_Arabia

Who are the Bedouin People? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedouin

Rigging a Bedouin Tent: https://www.rhitents.com/traditional-bedouin-tents/


What is the Haj Pilgrimage? https://www.saudiembassy.net/hajj

7 Top Festivals in Saudi Arabia: https://www.abouther.com/node/14456/people/events/7-top-festivals-saudi-arabia

Culture & Art, Saudi Arabia: https://www.saudiembassy.net/culture-art


The Arabian Horse: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_horse

10 Fascinating Arabian Myths and Legends: https://theculturetrip.com/middle-east/united-arab-emirates/articles/10-fascinating-arabian-myths-and-legends/

Lesson Plans:

Saudi Arabia Resources: https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/saudi-arabia/all

Saudi Arabia, Teachers Pay Teachers: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:saudi%20arabia


The Spice Game: https://vimeo.com/15534293

The Hajj, Journey to Mecca: http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/islam08.socst.world.glob.lphajj/the-hajj-journey-to-mecca/

Reorienting the Veil: http://veil.unc.edu/resources/educators/
Children’s Books:

**Title:** C is for Camel: An ABC Book of Saudi Arabia  
**Author:** Judy Arms Antoine  
**Grade:** K-3rd  
**Publisher:** Create Space Independent Publishing  
**ISBN:** 146790130X  
**Summary:** This ABC book will give you simple facts and photos about the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with the intention of helping children and adults understand this land and culture.

**Title:** Saluki: Hound of the Bedouin  
**Author:** Julia Johnson  
**Grade:** K-4th  
**Publisher:** Stacey International  
**ISBN:** 1905299001  
**Summary:** A captivating story of a Bedouin boy Hamad and his Saluki hound Sougha (“the gifted one”). It recounts their mutual devotion and the adventures they share on Hamad’s journey to adulthood. Julia Johnson has done much to keep alive the stories of the Bedouin and their way of life and to bring them to a younger readership in Arabia and throughout the world.

**Title:** Costume Around the World Saudi Arabia  
**Author:** Cath Senker  
**Grade:** K-12th  
**Publisher:** Chelsea Clubhouse  
**ISBN:** 0791097730  
**Summary:** Learn how the arid climate and religious traditions have impacted casual and festive clothing in this desert country.

**Title:** Saudi Arabia  
**Author:** Hunt Janin  
**Grade:** 3rd-5th  
**Publisher:** Cavendish  
**ISBN:** 9780761449966  
**Summary:** Discusses the geography, history, government, economy, and culture of the country that is Islam's birthplace and probably the driest large country on the face of the earth.
| Title: We Visit Saudi Arabia | Author: Kathleen Tracy  
Grade: K-6th  
Publisher: Mitchell Lane  
ISBN: 1584159634  
Summary: Discusses the history of each country, including ancient monuments, its government, the land, sports, festivals, food, crafts, and everyday life. There is a recipe and a craft activity so that children can take a personal, active interest. |
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| Title: Sindbad the Sailor and Other Tales from the Arabian Nights | Author: N.J. Dawood  
Grade: 4th-8th  
Publisher: Penguin UK  
ISBN: 9780141952321  
Summary: Some of the best-loved stories in the world. Originating in Persia, India and Arabia, they were the daily entertainment of the common people. In this edition they are retold especially for children. This collection includes the voyages of Sindbad the Sailor, Ali Baby and the Forty Thieves and the Tale of the Hunchback. |
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| Title: Tea with Arwa | Author: Arwa El Masri  
Grade: 9th-12th  
Publisher: Hachette Australia  
ISBN: 0733628524  
Summary: Arwa El Masri is a child of many countries. She was born in Saudi Arabia, lived in America for a time, and yet, as the daughter of Palestinian migrants, Arwa did not have a country that she could call home. Her parents came to Australia to give all their daughters the greatest gift they could, somewhere they could belong. It took a teenage Arwa time to find her way in her new country and to reconcile her Muslim faith with her life as a young woman in western Sydney. But slowly Australia got under her skin . . . and into her heart. She lost her accent and stopped being startled when kookaburras laughed. She met her future husband, Hazem El Masri, in the most unlikely way. But he was not who she thought she should marry. Getting to know him made Arwa look at her own prejudice, reassess what was important to her and how she wanted to live her life. Her grandmother’s wisdom helped guide her. |
**Title:** The Frankincense Trail  
**Author:** Jody Kihara  
**Grade:** 10th-12th  
**Publisher:** Star Magnolia Publishing  
**ISBN:** 09869497X  
**Summary:** In 200BC, frankincense was worth its weight in gold, making Arabia was the envy of the world. But wealth comes at a cost: the precious resin was transported along the Frankincense Road, a dangerous route through rocky mountains and barren desert. Alia is a princess in a dwindling kingdom that lies on the Frankincense Road. Having grown up hearing tales of the famous Queen of Sheba, she dreams of finding a way to restore her kingdom’s former might. When a caravan journeying to the mysterious incense lands stops to take on travelers, she sees her chance. She soon realizes, however, that her trust in the caravan leaders has been misguided. They are not mere incense merchants, but traitors and mercenaries. Alia’s journey soon turns from dangerous to life-threatening.

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**Title:** Lifting the Veil of Secrets in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
**Author:** Ramona Forrest & Judith Corcoran  
**Grade:** 10th-12th  
**Publisher:** Black Opal Books  
**ISBN:** 1626940940  
**Summary:** Saudi Arabia is an ancient culture as old as time itself, yet filled with all the modern conveniences that money provides. Restless and looking for something new and exciting, two nurses traveled to this ancient kingdom to ply their skills and practice close personal contact-along with modern medical care-with people for whom slavery, buying wives, and female subjugation is just a way of life. Living in a culture far different from their own, they met many wonderful people, both locally and from several other countries, all the while walking on eggshells with the religious police of Saudi Arabia, lest they do something that as females, was forbidden and could have gotten them deported—or worse, thrown in jail. Join Ramona Forrest and Judith Corcoran as they explore life in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia—from a woman’s point of view.