

# A Journey Home Reflection

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While reviewing this story, what emotions did you feel?</li> </ul>	<p>Angry</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What made you feel that particular emotion?</li> </ul>	<p>The Americans locked people out of their cultures. Their cultures were gone because they wanted to assimilate into American culture.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What information did you learn about the history of Iraqi people and their culture? What information was already familiar and what information was new to you?</li> </ul>	<p>They wear a hijab.          They have big wars.          I knew Iraqi people spoke Arabic.          I didn't know Am' means uncle in Arabic</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What elements of the culture of Iraq did you notice in the story? How has Iraqi culture been informed by the histories of Americans?</li> </ul>	<p>Even though Iraq was bombed the families were still together.          America portrayed Iraq as desolate and ruined and the Iraqi people as villains but they didn't really know them that well. This family has so much kindness in them.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamental differences among people from different backgrounds can be difficult to understand? Is there some information you still do not understand?</li> </ul>	<p>I am still wondering about some of the symbols on the sword. I am wondering what the symbol that looks like a V means.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What elements of culture did you see in this story?</li> </ul>	<p>The eat rice, pita bread, the men are expected to take care of the women, like in my Greek culture. At Greek school if one of the girls is going somewhere the boys come with them and the girls go first in line. I see how they treat women similarly. They call grandma bebe, I call grandma Yaya and Makun.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What elements of culture most interested you and why?</li> </ul>	<p>The wearing of the hijab. The different buildings. The different food they eat.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What elements of culture did you admire? Why?</li> </ul>	<p>I admire their pretty outfits. It seemed more natural and not full of cars.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did those cultural elements relate to your own culture?</li> </ul>	<p>In my Japanese culture we have Kimono and a Yukata. They are pretty outfits too. In my Greek culture I wear clothing that is special too. It is a symbol of our culture.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some of the connections between Culture and History?</li> </ul>	<p>The history was violent with a lot of war and that is why I think the U.S. thought of them as villains. Since the U.S. thought of them as villains we didn't learn about their clothes, the sword, their food, and the land and how it looks without war.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a question you would like to ask this journalist?</li> </ul>	<p>Where did you hide in Iran, Turkey and Syria and did they treat you with respect?</p>