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CMES Lesson Plan now a WebQuest

A WebQuest is an inquiry-oriented lesson format in which most or all the information that learners work with comes from the web. Since first developed in 1995, tens of thousands of teachers have embraced WebQuests as a way to make good use of the internet while engaging their students in the kinds of thinking that the 21st century requires. The model has spread around the world, with special enthusiasm in Brazil, Spain, China, Australia and Holland. CMES's own Lisa Adeli's lesson plan "Tuning in to Turning Points" is now a WebQuest available online. Created for an Educational Technology Class, it's a web-delivered lesson available at <http://zunal.com/webquest.php?user=25843>.

Approaching Deadlines:

Holocaust and Jewish

Resistance Teachers' Program
in Poland and Israel

April 1st, 2009

The program was initiated by Vladka Meed in 1984; this year's program is scheduled for July 5-23, 2009. The travel-seminar includes educational activities in Poland and Israel with the participation of scholars from Israel's Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the Study Center of the Ghetto Fighter's House at Kibbutz Lohamei HaGeta'ot. For an application, click [here](#) or email jlcexec@aol.com. The program costs \$2,500 which represents a reduced rate because of a partial outside funding.

"Congress in the Classroom"

April 15th, 2009

A program taking place from July 27-30 at the Dirksen Center in Illinois. Forty middle school/high school Social Studies teachers will be chosen – and funded – to attend. For more information and the application, click [here](#).

Teaching Excellence and
Achievement (TEA) program

April 27th, 2009

Meet teachers from all over the world over a long weekend in November and travel in April 2010 for two weeks to the developing country of your choice. For more information, click [here](#) or email tea@irex.org

Alliance Summer Geography
Institute

April 30th, 2009

Join them this summer for an intensive but really fun geography program for educators, which will earn you 3 graduate credits. It takes place from June 24-July 3 and July 10 at Arizona State University, Tempe, but includes a 3-day trip to Ft. Bowie, Ft. Huachuca, Wilcox, and Sonoita.

You are required to pay ASU tuition for 3 graduate credits; HOWEVER, you are reimbursed \$800 when you complete the institute. This means that your cost will be \$325 for 3 credits. Housing is provided (for free) and meals are heavily subsidized.

For more info. and an application, see:

<http://alliance.la.asu.edu/asgi/ASGI09InfoApplication.pdf>

Spring 2009 Workshop Schedule

Saturday, April 18th, 2009

Patterns of Conquest: Spanish Rule in the Americas and Ottoman Rule in the Balkans

Registration now open!

The second in the Teach Ottoman Empire Workshop Series, this educator workshop will focus on the Spanish conquest of Latin America and the Ottoman conquest of Europe and the Balkans. It includes an optional Serbian language lesson from 9am-9:50a.

Saturday, April 25th, 2009

Cultures in Contact: The Ottoman Empire and the Balkans

Registration now open!

The third in the Teach Ottoman Empire Workshop Series, this workshop addresses issues of cultural diffusion in the former Ottoman territories.

Check our website www.cmes.arizona.edu/outreach for updated information and workshop registration.

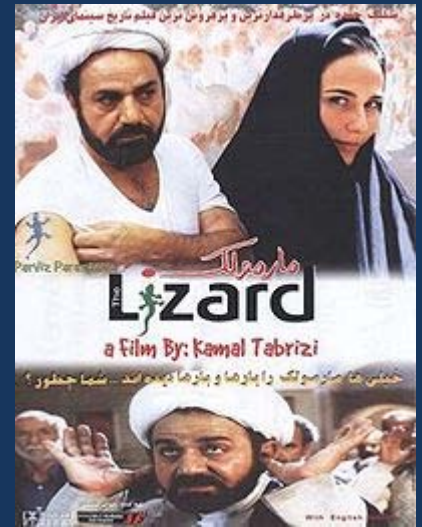
"Resources in Teaching about the Middle East": a CMES blog

CMES has created a blog – short for weblog – to help teachers interested in teaching and learning about the Middle East network and share ideas. The blog is free to join and is an active conversation about teaching resources on the Middle East. Learn something, help someone, and share ideas, comments, questions. Go to: <http://resourcesonthemiddleeast.blogspot.com>.

Helping the Refugees of Tucson

The Center for Middle Eastern Studies Outreach Center is partnering with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) of Tucson to help the refugees from around the world who have been resettled in Tucson. We are asking teachers who attend our workshops this spring to bring at least one hygiene item (shampoo/conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste) to be donated to the International Rescue Committee for distribution to needy refugee families. If you would like more information on the IRC or would like to donate more, please contact Outreach Assistant Shauna Little at sjlitt@email.arizona.edu.

Free CMES Film Screening:



Marmulak [Lizard]

Directed by Kamal Tabrizi
In Persian with English Subtitles, 2004

Wednesday, April 1st
7pm | ILC 130

Courting both success and scandal in its native Iran, *The Lizard* is a winning religious satire. Its title character is Reza (Iranian comedy god Parviz Parastouie), a professional thief who's sent to a jail where the warden intends to put him on 'a spiritual diet'. However, our anti-hero finds enlightenment on his own terms when he flees prison in 'borrowed' robes and winds up as prayer leader in a village - which is where this farcical but thoughtful film delivers some divine laughs.

Such irreverence drew the anger of Iran's clergy, who pressured the government to ban the picture. Yet, like Monty Python's *Life Of Brian*, *The Lizard* isn't so much mocking religion as attitudes towards it, especially hardline ones. Everyone should have access to the Lord, the film says - even fugitive con artists. (BBC Review)