Feminism in the Arab Spring Revolutions

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Thank you to the U.S.-Arab Bilateral Chamber of Commerce in Houston, Texas for a 2016 study tour to Bahrain, the UAE, and Qatar. This experience fueled my eagerness to learn more about women in Islam.
Objectives

• Learn how an interactive technology based platform can be utilized in your own classroom.

• Explore women’s roles in the Arab Spring Revolutions in North Africa and the Middle East.

• Prepare students to challenge Western stereotypes of Islamic women.
The Arab Spring

• Began in Tunisia in December 2010 with the self-immolation of Mohamed Bouazizi.
• Spread across North Africa into the Middle East.
• Women were an active voice throughout the protests.
One Voice:

“On the other side of the world, people said we’re Arabs, that it’s the Arab Spring, but it was winter. In Algeria, swallows come in spring, but we’re not swallows. We’re Arabs, but first and foremost we’re ourselves.”

– Ghania Mouffok – Algerian journalist
What happened after the Arab Spring?

- Government was overthrown and there was a successful transition to democracy.
- Government was overthrown and the new government is still developing.
- Government was not overthrown, but changes were made.
- Fighting a civil war
- Protests were stopped, no major changes were made.
Resources:

Print:
Mekhennet, Souad. *I was Told to Come Alone: My Journey behind the Lines of Jihad*. Griffin, 2018.

Online:
Educator resources from the Institute of Global Studies at the University of Minnesota
https://cla.umn.edu/global-studies/outreach-engagement/educator-resources
Title VI National Resource Centers
https://orias.berkeley.edu/professional-development/national-resource-centers
Youthrive ibooks
http://youthrive.wixsite.com/youthrive/ibook
TEACH Fellowship program through the U.S.-Arab Bilateral Chamber of Commerce
http://bilateralchamber.org/series-programs/international-trade-programs/education/teach/