

Topics and Descriptions

Instruct students to fill out the [Note Taker \(G8. U4\)](#) as they listen to their classmates' presentations. Provide the opportunity for the class to ask questions about and discuss each presentation afterward.

Topic	Description & Resource for Research Project
Zarathustra/Zoroastrianism* (Religion) Present in Lesson 4	Zoroastrianism is a religion that started in ancient Iran. The religion is based on the teachings of the prophet Zarathustra (also known as Zoroaster). Zarathustra , Britannica.com
City of Persepolis (Place) Present in Lesson 5	Persepolis was a thriving city in ancient Iran (Persia). Persepolis , Britannica.com
Iranian architecture (Culture) Present in Lesson 6	Iranian architecture is famous for its unique building styles. 20th Century Architecture: Iran , The Architecture of the 20th Century
Ayatollah Khomeini (Person) Present in Lesson 7	Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was a religious leader in Iran who was largely responsible for the Iranian Revolution of 1979. Ruhollah Khomeini , Britannica.com
Contemporary women's rights in Iran (Culture) Present in Lesson 8	Women in Iran are systematically oppressed by many official laws and policies. "Gender Apartheid in Iran is Crushing Women's Lives and Futures." Center for Human Rights in Iran
Iran hostage crisis* (Event) Present in Lesson 9	Beginning in 1979, 52 Americans were held hostage in the American embassy in Iran for over a year. Iran Hostage Crisis , History.com
Contemporary political	Political prisoners in Iran are often subjected to unfair trials,

<p>prisoners* (Culture)</p> <p>Present in Lesson 10</p>	<p>torture, and execution.</p> <p>"Scores of Political Prisoners Will Be Executed in Iran Without an International Outcry." Center for Human Rights in Iran</p>
<p>Iranian food (Culture)</p> <p>Present in Lesson 11</p>	<p>Iranian food, known for its uniqueness, has influenced the cuisines of many other cultures.</p> <p>Iranian Food Fusion: How Persian Cuisine is Influencing American Dining, United Tribes</p>
<p>Iranian ban on singing and dancing (Culture)</p> <p>Present in Lesson 12</p>	<p>Multiple Iranians have been arrested for making videos of themselves singing and dancing.</p> <p>"How Did Dancing on Social Media Inspire Resistance in Iran?"</p>