

## Topics and Descriptions

| Topic                                                                       | Description and Resource for Research Project                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Zarathustra<br>/Zoroastrianism<br>(Religion)<br><br>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).<br><br><a href="#">"Zarathustra"</a> by Britannica    |
| City of Persepolis<br>(Place)<br><br>Present in Lesson 5                    | Persepolis was a thriving city in ancient Iran (Persia).<br><br><a href="#">"Persepolis"</a> by Britannica                                                                                                    |
| Iranian architecture<br>(Culture)<br><br>Present in Lesson 6                | Iranian architecture is famous for its unique building styles.<br><br><a href="#">"Iran"</a> by The Architecture of the 20th Century                                                                          |
| Ayatollah Khomeini<br>(Person)<br><br>Present in Lesson 7                   | Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was a religious leader in Iran who was largely responsible for the Iranian Revolution of 1979.<br><br><a href="#">"Ruhollah Khomeini"</a> by Britannica                           |
| Contemporary women's rights in Iran<br>(Culture)<br><br>Present in Lesson 8 | Women in Iran are systematically oppressed by many official laws and policies.<br><br><a href="#">"Gender Apartheid in Iran is Crushing Women's Lives and Futures"</a> by the Center for Human Rights in Iran |

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| <p>Iran hostage crisis<br/>(Event)</p> <p>Present in Lesson 9</p>                   | <p>Beginning in 1979, 52 Americans were held hostage in the American embassy in Iran for over a year.</p> <p><a href="#">"Iran Hostage Crisis"</a> by HISTORY</p>                                                                                       |
| <p>Contemporary political prisoners<br/>(Culture)</p> <p>Present in Lesson 10</p>   | <p>Political prisoners in Iran are often subjected to unfair trials, torture, and execution.</p> <p><a href="#">"Scores of Political Prisoners Will Be Executed in Iran Without an International Outcry"</a> by the Center for Human Rights in Iran</p> |
| <p>Iranian food<br/>(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><a href="#">"Iranian Food Fusion: How Persian Cuisine is Influencing American Dining"</a> by United Tribes</p>                                    |
| <p>Iranian ban on singing and dancing<br/>(Culture)</p> <p>Present in Lesson 12</p> | <p>Multiple Iranians have been arrested for making videos of themselves singing and dancing.</p> <p><a href="#">"How Did Dancing on Social Media Inspire Resistance in Iran?"</a> by Quill.org</p>                                                      |