

- Use the Arabic language appropriately to demonstrate an understanding of Arab culture
- Identify the basis of stereotypes and common misunderstandings about the Arab/Muslim world
- Analyze in writing media stereotyping of Muslims/Arabs
- Challenge perspectives and perceptions
- Eliminate stereotypes from their communication about Arabs and Muslims.



Sample Assignment

Definition Essay: "Who Do You Think They Are?"

Students will write a 3-5 page Definition essay by choosing one of the following prompts:

1. Identify and define Arabs/Muslims(who they are, where they live, what they believe, and how those groups are misrepresented).
2. Identify and define a commonly misconstrued/misused contested Arabic term.
3. Identify and define a debatable term used to describe (Arabs/Muslims) i.e terrorist/freedom fighter; oppressed/liberated; devout/fanatic

This essay will not only attempt to define the term, but will also include caveats so that students do not stereotype/over-generalize. Students are expected to use a minimum of three (3) sources and cite those sources parenthetically and in a works cited list.

In Arabic 101/102, students will take 20 sentences from the essay and translate into conversational Arabic. Students will present what they learn about the term they defined.