Arab American Heritage Month



Scavenger Hunt

Where is the Arab World?

There are 25 countries or territories in western Asia and Africa where Arabic is the official, or one of the official languages of the state: Algeria, Bahrain, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Western Sahara, and Yemen. Some of the below items predate modern Arab nation-states, but they are an important part of the history and culture of the region. For more information: https://fieldmuseum.io/AAHM

GROUND LEVEL

Ancient Egyptians considered this goddess to be the protector of females, home, domesticity, cats, pleasure, and good health. It was believed that every day she would ride through the sky with her father the sun god Ra and at night she would turn into a cat to protect Ra from his greatest enemy, the serpent Apep. What is the goddess's name?



UPPER LEVEL

This farming implement was likely used to harvest wheat, the world's most widely cultivated crop. The first cultivation of wheat took place at least 9,000 years ago in a region which includes parts of the present-day Arab World. In which Arab World country was this sickle found?



These ancient beads were found by Field Museum archaeologists at the dig site of an ancient city occupied as early as 3200 B.C. through the 7th century A.D. The beads came from locations both in and out of the Arab World. The different beads are made of carnelian, chalcedony, lapis, faience, glass, and amethyst. What is the name of the ancient city?



This full body bronze sculpture is included in the exhibit Looking at Ourselves: Rethinking the Sculptures of Malvina Hoffman. Commissioned by the Field Museum in the 1930s, the original installation was dismantled in 1966, and reopened in 2016. From which Arab World country is this individual?





U Upper Level

