

Muslims on the Move: Spatial and Spiritual Journeys in the Modern Era

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Useful Texts:

Below are a list of texts I have found useful in teaching the recent history of the Muslim world.

David Abulafia, *The Great Sea: A Human History of the Mediterranean* (Oxford, 2013)

Abulafia's book paints a broad portrait of the peoples of the Mediterranean (Muslim and non-Muslim) over the past thousand years, and their movements and exchanges through the sea.

John Esposito, *Islam: The Straight Path* (Oxford, 2010)

A comprehensive introduction to Islamic beliefs, practices, and history by a renowned scholar

Adam J. Silverstein, *Islamic History: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford, 2010)

A very short, but very accessible survey of the history of Islam

Ali Rahnama, *Pioneers of Islamic Revival* (Zed Books, 2006)

This book contains a collection of writings by various founders of Islamic revival movements through the 19th and 20th Century, along with commentary.

Mark Mazower, *Salonica, City of Ghosts: Christians, Muslims and Jews 1430-1950* (2006)

Mark Mazower recounts the history of the Mediterranean's transformation from a multi-ethnic and multi-religious space shared by Jews, Muslims and Christians to a religiously divided network of nation-states through the Greek city of Salonica.

Teaching Resources Online:

<http://mediterraneansharedpast.org/>

This extensive curriculum for teaching the history of the Mediterranean focuses on the "shared past" of Muslims, Christians, and Jews across Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and into central Asia. It includes lesson plans, classroom activities, images, and multimedia assembled by university professors, all targeted at middle- and high-school students

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/ng-interactive/2014/jan/refugee-choices-interactive>

The Guardian, one of Britain's most esteemed daily newspapers, has put together a game aimed at students. Can you, playing a refugee (who, in Europe, are majority Muslim), successfully migrate into "Fortress Europe"?

<http://www.pewforum.org/topics/muslims-and-islam/>

The Pew Research Center's Religion & Public Life Project hopes to "promote a deeper understanding of issues at the intersection of religion and public affairs," and is an excellent resource for surveys, studies, and facts about opinions of Muslims – and about Muslims – across the globe. The website contains great short articles and useful charts accessible to teachers and students both.

<http://bridgingcultures.neh.gov/muslimjourneys/>

The National Endowment for the Humanities has put together this excellent website on interactions between Muslims and non-Muslims over the past few centuries. Plenty of images and teaching material!