

Muslims in Canada

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Word count: 148

(p. 3, not including the captions)

Overview

This book provides an introduction to the religion of Islam, a timeline of important events in the history of Muslims in Canada, and a memoir of the author's experiences growing up as a Muslim Canadian.

Genre/Text Types

Non-fiction/Report,
Autobiography

Vocabulary

Words that might require clarification include *calendar of Islam*, *determination*, *holy*, *honour* (verb), *humble* (adjective), *justice*, *television producers*, and *unite*. Additional words are defined in the glossary.

Text Features

Afterword, boldface type, captions, glossary, graph, headings, italics, labels, photos, pronunciation guides, sidebars, subheadings, table of contents, text boxes, timeline

Significance of People's Names

After reading, you might discuss with students the **new names** chosen by Ali Abouchadi and Ahmad Ali Ferran. Ask: *Why might they have changed their names? What inferences can you make about the challenges Muslim Canadians faced at the time? Why might someone want or not want to change their name? How important is your name to you? Explain your answer.*

eBook Activities

Predicting (table of contents); **Summarizing** (page 15); **Activating Prior Knowledge** (page 20)

Extensions

Predicting: Before reading, invite students to look at the front cover and read the table of contents. Ask: *What ideas or information do you think you might find in this book? What predictions can you make about vocabulary the author might have used?* Encourage students to support their predictions.

Using Text Features: You could discuss with students the format of the timeline on pages 8 to 15. Invite students to share other timeline formats they have encountered.

Synthesizing: Before 2007, no Canadian TV series had main characters who were Muslim. Ask: *What messages might the lack of Muslim main characters on TV have given to Muslim Canadians? Little Mosque on the Prairie became a popular TV show. What inferences can you make from this?*

Inquiry: **AT HOME** What is a National Day of Remembrance? What National Day of Remembrance was created in response to the Québec City attack? How has that day been observed?

