



EDUCATION RESOURCES



The Abdelkader Education Project (AEP) champions Emir Abdelkader as a global icon of religious and ethical leadership. Partnering with individuals and organizations to create educational resources, AEP offers curricula, student prizes, and faculty grants to grade schools, high schools and universities, as well as to religious, military, and civic organizations.

CURRICULA



Islamic Network Group

Emir Abdelkader: A Muslim Hero for our Time

Method: Five Lesson plans with digital presentations

Details: Lesson analyses, discussion, test questions, links to films with accompanying discussion guides.

Harvard Pluralism Project

Case Study Program

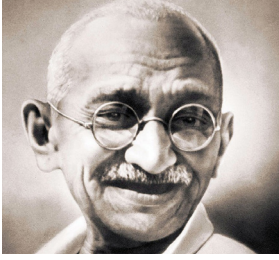
Method: Four brief cases studies

Details: An historical case study about Adbelkader, plus three contemporary stories that serve as companion cases. Case A ends with tension around a risky, life-threatening decision, allowing participants to identify with the protagonist's possible courses of action. Case B describes the actual, real-life, outcomes.

1. [In the Shadow of the Sword/Rumors in Damascus: Emir Abdelkader and Ethical Leadership](#)
2. [Portrait of Cedar Rapids and America's Mother Mosque](#)
3. [A Young Imam\(A\); A Young Imam\(B\)](#)
4. [The House on 6th Street \(A\); The House on 6th Street\(B\)](#)

**The Pluralism
Project**

**HARVARD
UNIVERSITY**



Embodying the Nation: George Washington, Abdelkader, and Gandhi

Method: Document-Based Questions (DBQ)

Details: Babara Petzen, director of training initiatives at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, created this 10 page curriculum using historical primary sources such as news articles, letters, and essays.



Five biographical sketches in the spirit of Abdelkader

Method: **Four one-page biographies** and **one film clip**

Details:

Adapted from One Islam, Many Muslim Worlds by Raymond William Baker (Oxford, 2015), Joseph Montville sketches four contemporary profiles of people who exemplify the spirit of Abdelkader. The fifth profile includes an episode of the award-winning video series, the “Secret Life of Muslims” by Seftel Productions: Rais Buihyan’s story of forgiveness.

CURRICULA IN DEVELOPMENT



Foundations of a Civil Society: Exploring Cultural and Religious Diversity

Method: **Inquiry Design Model (IDM)TM**

Details: Abdelkader curricula by Iowa educators Marcia Powell, Karla Duff, and Patricia Lehmann includes tasks, sources, and assessments.

The Abdelkader Stage Project

Method: Theater vignettes

Details: Based on the life and times of Abdelkader

STUDENT PRIZES

Global Leadership Scholarships

Abdelkader Education Project hosts essay contests for high school and college students throughout the United States. With the help of mentors, students immerse themselves in narratives of the life and times of Abdelkader, making connections to their own lives. This year, AEP added a new poster contest.

[Learn more and sign-up.](#)



Essay Contest

NEW Poster Contest

Essay and poster contest winners are invited to participate in the 10th **Annual Abdelkader Forum**, to celebrate and receive their awards.

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FACULTY GRANTS



**MERRIMACK
COLLEGE**

The Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, at Merrimack College, offers curriculum grants for new courses or course enhancements that use alternative narratives to counter bigotry and radicalization. Requests for proposals, made every two to three years, go out to universities, seminaries, Muslim schools, and to professional and civic organizations. Preference is given to submissions that include themes from the life and times of Emir Abdelkader regarding Christian-Muslim engagement; and from the drama of the monks of Tibhirine, a "Christian-Muslim love story, wrapped in a horror story," notably recounted in the film of Gods and Men."

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