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Make the Most of Your World -Middle East 60 min

Objective:

Understand symbol that has multiple meanings across different cultural groups

Big Idea:

Symbols have cultural significance

1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 20 min

As part of the Cleveland Public Library Make the Most of Your World Summer Reading Club - we are exploring the many cultures found in Cleveland. This week, we focus on the Middle East and a symbol that dates back to Mesopotamia



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<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=26...>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamsa>

2. Investigation and New Learning 20 min

We will discuss symbols and complete a craft -- making the Hamsa Hand for an amulet or wall hanging. Discuss [superstition](#)- what do you do for good luck!

3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

Material to share:

<https://kidworldcitizen.org/good-luck-hamsa-craft/>

<http://www.niyazmusic.com/biography/> - we played this cd and learned about a [kopuz](#), [tambur](#) and [oud](#)