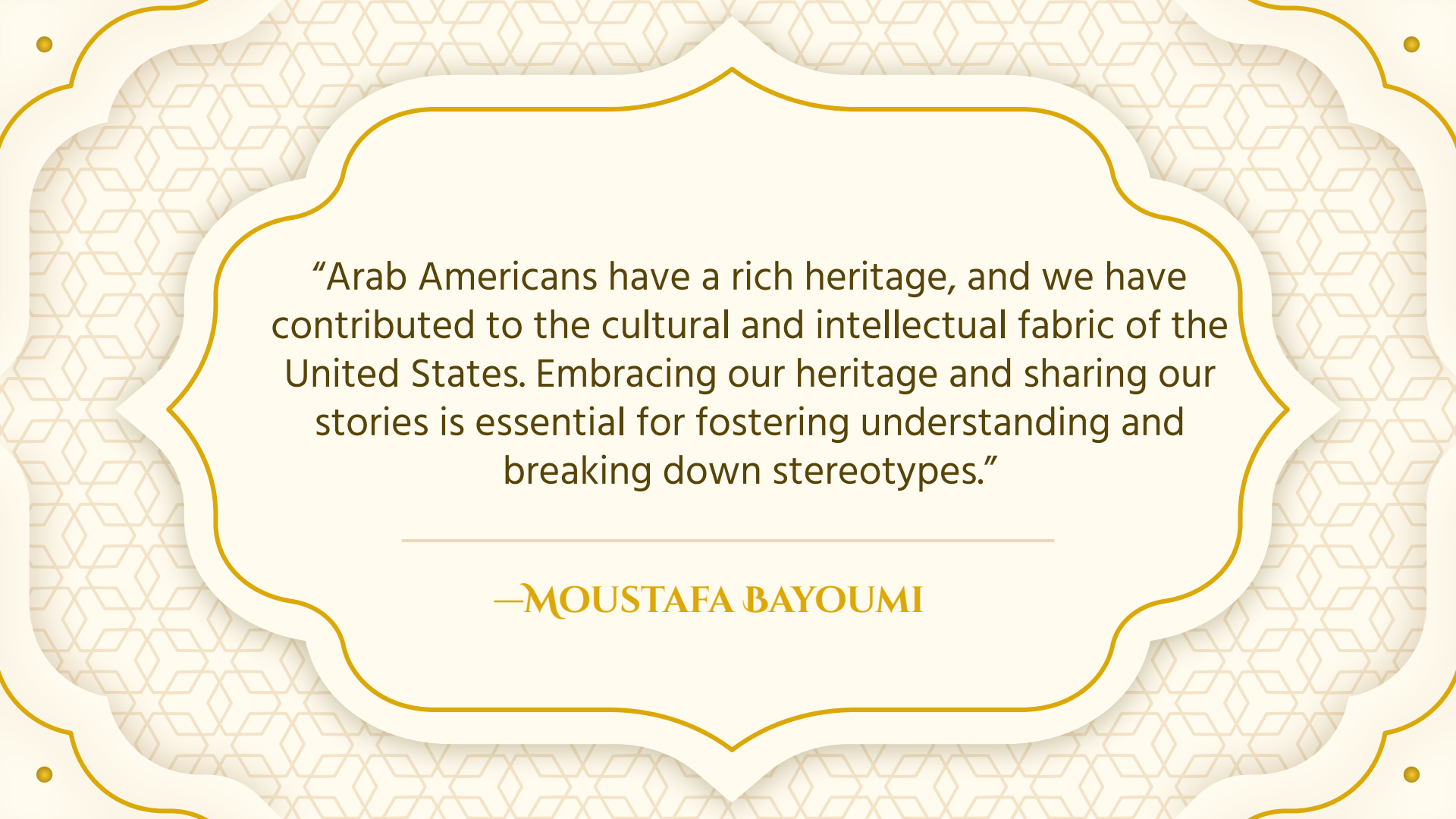


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ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

April 2024



“Arab Americans have a rich heritage, and we have contributed to the cultural and intellectual fabric of the United States. Embracing our heritage and sharing our stories is essential for fostering understanding and breaking down stereotypes.”

—MOUSTAFA BAYOUMI

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HISTORY

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WHO ARE ARAB-AMERICANS?

- Arab-Americans are Americans of Arab ancestry
- Arab-Americans trace ancestry to any of the various waves of immigrants of the countries comprising the Arab World
- Arabic is a Semitic language that belongs to the Afroasiatic language family
- Arab is a cultural and linguistic term
 - Refers to those who speak Arabic as their first language
 - Arabs are united by culture and by history

COUNTRIES IN THE ARAB WORLD

- Arab World consists of 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa: Algeria, Bahrain, the Comoros Islands, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen



TIMELINE

1990

Arab American heritage is celebrated sporadically throughout the country at different times of the year

2017

Arab American organizations begin the national initiative to coordinate all states under National Arab American Heritage Month

2019

A congressional resolution to proclaim National Arab American Heritage Month is introduced to the house of representatives

2021

April 2021 marked the first official federal recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month

ARAB HERITAGE MONTH

- Celebrate Arab Americans throughout the past and present, and recognize their invaluable contributions to our country
- Also serves as a time to combat Anti-Arab bigotry and to challenge stereotypes and prejudices
- While the celebration of Arab American Heritage Month is fairly new, the history which it commemorates dates back as far as 1527, when Estebanico Azemmouri, a native of present-day Morocco, and Antonio Bishallany, a native of present-day Lebanon, arrived to what would many years later become the United States, becoming the first members of the Arab American community that is estimated today to number approximately 3.7 million people



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NOTABLE FIGURES

Highlighting notable figures that have
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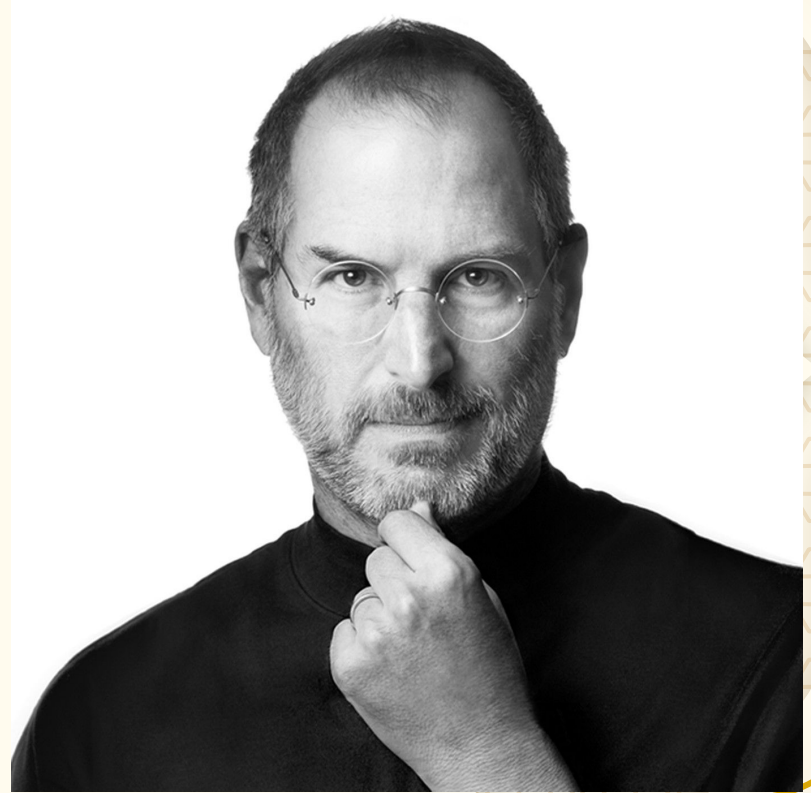
ELIAS JAMES (EJ) COREY

- 1928 - Present
- Lebanese
- 1990: Won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- Regarded by many as one of the greatest living chemists



STEVE JOBS

- 1955 - 2011
- Half Syrian
- An American businessman, inventor, and investor best known for co-founding the technology giant Apple Inc



GIGI HADID

- 1995 - Present
- Half Palestinian
- Jelena Noura “Gigi” Hadid
- Supermodel
- Born to a father from the Palestinian territories and a Dutch mother



RAMI SAID MALEK

- 1981 - Present
- Egyptian
- Emmy Award and Academy Award Actor
- Known for:
 - Mr. Robot (TV)
 - Bohemian Rhapsody (Movie)
 - Night at the Museum (Movie)



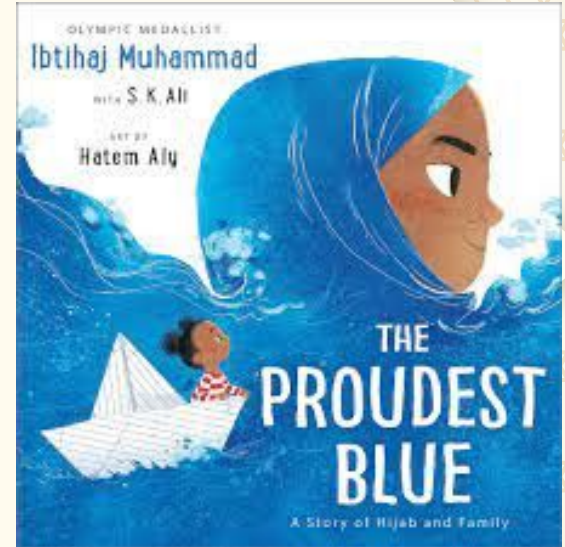
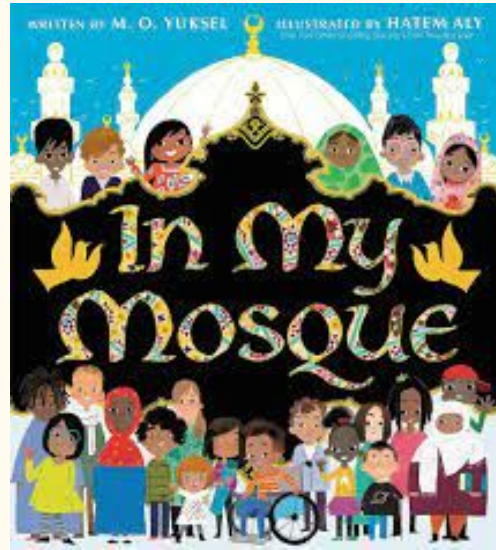
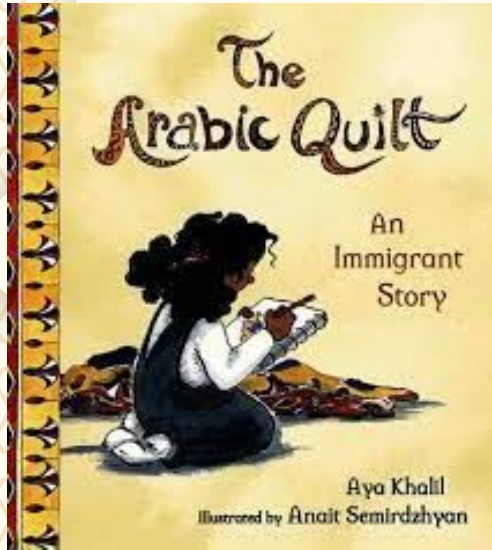


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PRIMARY RESOURCES



SECONDARY RESOURCES

- 15 Notable Arab Americans Who Have Made History
- Arab Americans: History, Culture and Contributions
- 5 Influential Black Arab Women You Should Know About
- An Open Letter to Queer Muslim Youth in America

THANK YOU!

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