**Lesson Plan Format**

Bimson Humanities Seminar:

Challenging Student Perceptions of the Middle East and North Africa

**Teacher:** Chris Glatfelter **Grade level:** 11/12 **Content Area:** Facing History and Ourselves: Holocaust and Human Behavior (Elective)

**Title of lesson:** (The Danger of) A Middle Eastern Story

**Unit:** In transition from the “Individual and theSociety” to “We and They”

**Content standard(s) addressed by this lesson:** Colorado Geography Standard 3 *“The interconnected nature of the world, its people and places”*

**Inquiry question(s):** In what ways does media create stereotypes for us? Why is it beneficial for certain powers to establish these stereotypes?

**Concept and Skills:** Media Literacy, Written Reflection, Challenging Bias

**Evidence Outcomes: (Every student should be able to…)** Take an introspective look at their lives and the ways for which they are perceived and compare that to the danger of continuing to make assumptions about peoples from diverse and unknown (to them) backgrounds. “Simple solutions to complicated problems”

**Activities:** Warm-up question: *Describe* the life of an American Teenager (you and those like you)

Video: (Something stitched together showing the “Middle East”. Include dirt streets, Children, Some film/production, some news)

Small groups (2-4) Discuss the content of the video and the response to the prompts.

Class discussion addressing questions on hand out

Video: A Day in the life, Amman Jordan (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHvIqgbhxFA>)

Video: Arab Idol (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aj-pyJF6ckU>)

Video: 10 things I hate about you (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oU08hD3Puw>)

Video: Mean Girls (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2DzwcNrfjU>)

**Approximate time:** 85 minutes (1 class period)

**Accommodations and Modifications:** Shortened questions, Group discussion, “Chunk and Chew” on the material, On board summary of class topics, Digital worksheet.

**Evaluation or Assessment of Success:** Exit Ticket and Journal Reflections

**Resources Used:** PPT (To be constructed), Handout, Videos (linked above),