

 Student Discussion Worksheet: Exploring Community Values in Arab Culture

Unit 1 Theme: Arab People and Nations

Proverb: "الْجَارُ قَبْلَ الدَّارِ"

Translation: "Choose the neighbor before the house." — Arab Proverb

 Part 1: Personal Reflection (5 minutes)

Read the proverb and its translation. Reflect on your understanding and personal experiences.

1. What does this proverb mean to you? Try to explain it in your own words.


*Write a 2–3 sentence interpretation.*

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2. Think of a time when a neighbor, classmate, or someone in your community impacted your daily life positively or negatively. Briefly describe it.

 Part 2: Small Group Discussion (15 minutes)

In your group, discuss 2–3 of the following questions. Assign roles: **Facilitator**, **Note-taker**, **Reporter**, and (optional) **Timekeeper**.


Group Questions (select 2–3):

- ◆ *What does this proverb tell us about the values in Arab culture?*
- ◆ *Why might a good neighbor be more important than a beautiful or large house?*
- ◆ *How does this idea apply to school communities, workplaces, or even online communities?*
- ◆ *What does being a "good neighbor" look like in your culture or community?*
- ◆ *Do you think this proverb still holds meaning in modern cities where people often don't know their neighbors? Why or why not?*



 **Part 3: Sharing Insights (10 minutes)**


Your group will share one or two highlights with the class. Decide what to share and who will present.

 We will share:

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 **Part 4: Final Individual Reflection (Optional or Homework)**

Reflect on the class discussion and what you learned from others.

What new insight or perspective did someone in your group (or another group) share that helped you think differently about this proverb or community values?

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