



## FEZANA Age-Appropriate Lesson Plan

**Subject Category (circle one):** Religion/Ceremony    History    Prayer    Gathas  
Comparative Religion    **Shahnameh**

**Age Group (circle one):** PreK-K    **Grades 1-3**    Grades 4-5    Grades 6-8    Grades 9-12

**Lesson # (if applicable):** 1

**Subject of the Lesson:** Shahnameh Review

### Background Knowledge for the Teacher:

- Shahnameh
  - The Shahnameh is a book of Kings written a long time ago.
  - The Shahnameh was written by a man named Ferdowsi
  - The Shahnameh is one of the world's longest poems.
    - It has over 60,000 verses
  - The Shahnameh was written in Persian
  - The Shahnameh tells the stories of kings and heroes from a long time ago
  - The Shahnameh tells us about the traditions of Sadeh, Nowruz, and Mehregan
- Ferdowsi
  - Ferdowsi wrote the Shahnameh.
  - He is a Persian poet
  - Ferdowsi was born 1,000 years ago in Toos, Iran.
  - It took him 33 years to write the whole Shahnameh
  - May 15th is National Ferdowsi Day in Iran
    - There are art and cultural festivals held across the country
  - The king asked Ferdowsi to write down the history of Persia
- King Keyumars
- King Hushang
- King Tahmuras

### Lesson for students:

The teacher will use the information in the “Background Knowledge for the Teacher” section to review what students remember about the Shahnameh from the Pre-K to K lesson plans. Teachers can use the information above to just review information or can put information into a review game.

### Activity for Students:

Students will play a review game to review all the information that they have already learned about the Shahnameh.



### Sources:

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- <http://www.payvand.com/news/13/may/1118.html>
- <https://kids.kiddle.co/Ferdowsi> (pictures of Ferdowsi's statue and tomb)
- <https://www.bl.uk/learning/cult/inside/corner/ferdowsilife/lifeferdowsi.html>
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