



## 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:** What is Shahnameh?

### Background Knowledge for the Teacher:

- 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 celebrations such as: Sadeh, Nowruz and Mehregan

### Lesson for students:

The teacher will use the information in the “Background Knowledge for the Teacher” section to introduce and talk about the Shahnameh. After talking about and introducing the Shahnameh to the students, the students can work on the activity listed below.

### Activity for Students:

Students will create and decorate their own Shahnameh book. They can color the cover page and then glue it onto construction paper to make the cover and back page for their book. They will then be able to add the stories and Shahnameh related papers from the class into their book.

### Sources:

<http://www.heritageinstitute.com/zoroastrianism/shahnameh/>  
<https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo/shahnameh.html> (pictures of the Shahnameh)  
<http://encyclopedia.kids.net.au/page/sh/Shahnameh>

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