



## 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):** 2

**Subject of the Lesson:** Who is Ferdowsi?

### Background Knowledge for the Teacher:

- Ferdowsi wrote the Shahnameh.
- He is a Persian poet
- Ferdowsi was born 1,000 years ago in Tous, 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

### Lesson for students:

Teachers should begin the lesson by asking students what they remember about the Shahnameh. If students do not remember anything, review some key points about the Shahnameh from the previous lesson. The teacher will use the information in the “Background Knowledge for the Teacher” section to introduce and talk about Ferdowsi. After talking about and introducing Ferdowsi to the students, the students can work on the activity listed below.

### Activity for Students:

After learning about Ferdowsi, the students can color a picture of Ferdowsi and then add it to their book.

### Sources:

<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>

<http://encyclopedia.kids.net.au/page/fe/Ferdowsi>

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