

## Social Studies Unit Grade Level: 7

This was a project centered in the study of the Middle East while combined with research and writing in the social studies sphere.

### UNIT 1 Study of Islam: Semester 2 (4 weeks)



#### Goals

- Investigate by framing analysis
- Synthesizing evidence to form conclusions
- Reading for understanding
- Increased content knowledge regarding a significant global issue

Students from three classes at Park Day School completed a four week unit which featured the study of Islam and the countries and cultures with a high Muslim population. Through the exploration of the religion and the countries and cultures that practice Islam, students began to identify issues pertaining to the theme of Population and Progress present in global communities as well as their local community of Oakland, CA.

### UNIT 2 Project Based Learning/Social Studies Unit: Semester 2 (6 weeks)

#### Goals

- Collaborative research/content exploration
- Creation of human centered social action project
- Commit knowledge to action at the local level for addressing a global challenge
- Share responsibility and cooperative action

In small teams of 4-5, students began to identify an issues present both globally and locally that ignited their passion and drive to take solution oriented action. Each group presented a project in a medium they felt was most relevant for the local community.



#### FINAL PROJECT:

Regional Festival (May 2015)

Students created a website to bring awareness around Equal Right in Nigeria and Oakland. They also sought to partner with local organization and charities that provide support to the LGBTQ community at home and abroad.