**Topic One – The Geography of Afghanistan (both physical and human)**

Suggested Research Starter Questions:

(These questions are only SUGGESTED ideas. Your research may take you to other sources of information.)

* How big is Afghanistan?
* What is the landscape of Afghanistan like? (Describe it in detail)
* What are the largest cities?
* What is the capital city? How many people live there? How has it been built?
* What is the climate like?
* What is the population of Afghanistan? What is the mix of people? How has the population changed over the years?
* What languages are spoken in the country?

Places to Start Research:

* http://www.worldbookonline.com/advanced/article?id=ar006700&st=afghanistan
* https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/af.html
* http://pioneer.uen.org/k12 -- link to Culture Grams (check both the World Edition and the Kids Edition)
* https://www.princeton.edu/~achaney/tmve/wiki100k/docs/Geography\_of\_Afghanistan.html
* *Afghanistan.* (958.104 PID)

**Topic Two – Customs, Religion, and Traditions of Afghanistan**

Suggested Research Starter Questions:

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* How does religion play into the culture of the country?
* What types of holidays do they celebrate?
* How is the culture different in the rural areas than in the cities?
* What is family life like in Afghanistan?
* What are some of the greetings and visiting “rules” for the people of Afghanistan?
* How important is education to the people of Afghanistan?

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* http://www.worldbookonline.com/advanced/article?id=ar006700&st=afghanistan
* https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/af.html
* http://pioneer.uen.org/k12 -- link to Culture Grams (check both the World Edition and the Kids Edition)
* http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/7798/Afghanistan/226137/Daily-life-and-social-customs
* *Afghanistan: a companion and guide (910.2 OMR)*

**Topic Three – Historical Timeline of Afghanistan**

Suggested Research Starter Questions:

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* What are some of the major turning points in Afghan history?
* What countries have fought wars with Afghanistan?
* How long has Afghanistan been at war?
* How have specific events in history changed the country?
* Which events from the past have an impact on the country today?

Places to Start Research:

* http://www.worldbookonline.com/advanced/article?id=ar006700&st=afghanistan&sc=5
* https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/af.html
* http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/asia-jan-june11-timeline-afghanistan/
* http://www.bbc.com/news/world-south-asia-12024253
* http://content.time.com/time/video/player/0,32068,45950304001\_1931954,00.html
* *Conflict in Afghanistan (958.1 ADA)*

**Topic Four – Governing of Afghanistan**

Suggested Research Starter Questions:

(These questions are only SUGGESTED ideas. Your research may take you to other sources of information.)

* Who have been some of the important leaders in Afghan history?
* What other countries have occupied and governed Afghanistan?
* What is the current structure of government?
* What is the outlook for the current Afghan government?

Places to Start Research:

* http://www.worldbookonline.com/advanced/article?id=ar006700&st=afghanistan&sc=1
* https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/af.html
* http://pioneer.uen.org/k12 -- link to Culture Grams (check both the World Edition and the Kids Edition)
* *Afghanistan.* (958.104 PID)
* *The World’s Hotspots: Afghanistan (958.*104 AFG)

**Topic Five – Women of Afghanistan**

Suggested Research Starter Questions:

(These questions are only SUGGESTED ideas. Your research may take you to other sources of information.)

* What is the role of women in Afghanistan?
* How has the role of women changed over the years?
* When and how are women married?
* What type of education do women in Afghanistan receive?
* What are the current issues for them?

Places to Start Research:

* http://pioneer.uen.org/k12 -- link to Culture Grams (check both the World Edition and the Kids Edition)
* https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/af.html
* http://www.rawa.org/index.php
* *Women’s Rights (REF 305.42 THO)*

**Topic Six – The Taliban in Afghanistan**

Suggested Research Starter Questions:

(These questions are only SUGGESTED ideas. Your research may take you to other sources of information.)

* What is the Taliban?
* How are the Taliban connected to the Islamic religion?
* How does the Taliban work with or for or against the government?
* What is the structure of the Taliban organization?
* What benefits does the Taliban bring to Afghanistan?

Places to Start Research:

* http://www.worldbookonline.com/advanced/article?id=ar749759&st=afghanistan
* http://www.cfr.org/publication/10551/taliban\_in\_afghanistan.html
* http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/734615/Taliban
* *Taliban: militant Islam, oil, and fundamentalism in Central Asia (303.6 RAS)*
* *Taliban: the Unknown Enemy (297.09 FER)*