

## Annotated Bibliography

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### Cultural

#### American University of Beirut (AUB) Archaeological Museum

In operation since 1902, the AUB Museum contains a large collection of artifacts dating back to the Stone Age, as well as extensive collections from the ancient civilizations of Phoenicia, Greece, Rome and Egypt, all of which included modern day Lebanon as part of their territory. Several of the artifacts have come directly from excavations that the AUB Museum has conducted at sites in Lebanon and Syria. ([http://www.aub.edu.lb/museum\\_archeo/Pages/fieldwork.aspx](http://www.aub.edu.lb/museum_archeo/Pages/fieldwork.aspx), 2012)

Guided tours are available for school groups at no charge. This resource is a wonderful accompaniment for a unit on ancient civilizations.

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#### Baalbeck Festival

Initially started as a drama school in the 1960's for Lebanese authors and playwrights, the Baalbeck Festival has evolved into one of the most well-known cultural events in the Middle East. The festival takes place in and around the Roman ruins of Baalbeck, which sit in Lebanon's Bekka valley and are surrounded by farmland that once grew crops for the Roman Empire. Although the dramatic ruins of Baalbeck (a UNESCO World Heritage site) are an attraction by themselves, there are various plays, musical acts, art exhibitions and other cultural events taking place during the festival, many of which involve international artists. (<http://www.baalbeck.org.lb>, 2012)

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### Beirut National Museum

The Beirut National Museum has a relatively small collection of artifacts dating from Prehistory up through to the crusades. The museum lost a substantial part of its inventory during the Lebanese civil war due to looting and destruction, but what remains is worth seeing. The Roman-era statues and sarcophagi are particularly impressive. The museum itself is part of modern history as it is located on the former front line of the civil war near the main pass between east and west Beirut. Guided tours are available for school groups for a small fee. (<http://www.beirutnationalmuseum.com/e-histoire.htm>, 2012)

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Museum crossroads

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### Byblos

The ancient ruins in the town of Byblos, Lebanon (a UNESCO World Heritage site) form an open air museum. Byblos' first inhabitants were thought to be a community of fisherman who built settlements that date from 6,000 BCE. The city has been continuously inhabited ever since. Layers of history lay throughout the small town. Among the attractions are temples that date from the Bronze Age, a crusader castle, an ancient Roman road, and the town's Phoenician-built port thought to be around 5000 years old. (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/295>, 2012) The temples and the crusader castle have guided tours available for school groups for a small fee. This is a fantastic site for local students and tourists to take in Lebanon's history and view sites from different historical periods all in one place.

### Byblos, Lebanon

Located approximately 25 miles north of Beirut on the main coastal highway

### Educational Resource Center at International College Beirut

International College (IC) Beirut, one of the oldest International Schools in the world, maintains an Educational Resource Center (ERC) aimed at providing professional development for its faculty from preschool through secondary. The ERC contains many resources including current education journals and books. The dedication towards multicultural education at IC can be evidenced through its emphasis of professional development oriented towards the International Baccalaureate Program. In addition, the ERC hosts a teacher exchange program in which teachers from around the world can apply to visit IC for a week to observe classes and talk with teachers, principals and administrators. IC has

hosted teachers from International Schools around the world as well as public schools in the US and UK. (<http://www.ic.edu.lb/erc/exchangeprogram.htm>, 2012)

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## **Social Justice**

### **Balsam**

Balsam is an NGO that aims to provide people with curable and terminal illnesses with the necessary care to minimize or eliminate pain and suffering (palliative care) and provide quality of life. Balsam provides these services free of charge to people who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford such care. (<http://www.balsam-lb.org>, 2012) This resource could be used by a teacher in conjunction with a number of topics, such as a unit on health or healthcare, the needs of the sick and/or elderly, or societal responsibilities.

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### **Dar Onboz**

Dar Onboz is an independent publisher founded by writers, artists and social activists. Their mission is to produce children's books locally in order to inspire kids to create their own books and express themselves through other artistic means. Dar Onboz believes "that by producing we create stronger structures on which we build our future, and we break the cycle of apathy and passive consumption." (<http://www.daronboz.com/aboutus.htm>, 2012) Dar Onboz takes book readings and cultural shows on the road to children living in Palestinian and Syrian refugee camps throughout Lebanon. Teachers could use this resource to inspire students in reading and writing and to help promote lifelong reading.

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#### Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation

Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation (GKCF) is an NGO that runs schools, centers and libraries in Palestinian refugee camps and other socially and economically disadvantaged areas of Lebanon where children would otherwise go without. GKCF also participates in local teacher training programs. ([http://www.kanafani.dk/gkk\\_main\\_eng.htm](http://www.kanafani.dk/gkk_main_eng.htm), 2012)

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#### Greenline

Greenline is an NGO dedicated towards environmental awareness and action. Their vision is "to embrace the principles of environmentally sound development in the developing world." (<http://www.greenline.org.lb>, 2012) Greenline participates actively in environmental research on a local and global level and is committed to communication and outreach programs in local communities that find themselves affected by environmental degradation. Teachers would find this resource useful in almost any lesson or unit that involves environmental issues and awareness. Greenline can organize guest speakers and assemblies in local schools.

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## Helem

Helem is an NGO committed to the protection of the LGBT community in Lebanon. Helem's mission includes the decriminalization of homosexuality in Lebanon as well as providing help and support to the LGBT community in the face of legal and social discrimination. Helem provides free anonymous STD testing and operates a 24/7 help line. (<http://helem.net>, 2012) Teachers could use this resource in a discussion or unit about equal rights, discrimination, or social justice.

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