



UNIT OVERVIEW

COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD

The “*Communities Around The World*” unit focuses on a community in Egypt as well as other communities around the world. The “*Communities Around The World*” unit is divided into five sections. The first section contains a set of lesson plans for the teacher. Details are provided for the activities that the children participate in during each lesson. The second section provides a student booklet in which children record their research and findings. The third section includes activities that are used during the lessons of the unit. The fourth section includes a jot notes outline, a jot notes guide, a report outline, and a bibliography outline that the children need to complete a report on a community somewhere in the world. The final section contains a crossword puzzle and a word search puzzle that reinforces some of the vocabulary used throughout the “*Communities Around the World*” unit.

A display of books about different communities around the world should be set up somewhere in the classroom. Children refer to these books as they complete the different activities in this unit. They are also encouraged to read these books in their spare time and during silent reading.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Throughout the unit, the children learn about:

- the concepts of ‘custom’ and ‘tradition’
- the customs and traditions of the people in their own community
- the customs and traditions of different communities throughout the world
- the games traditionally played by children throughout the world
- the different celebrations held by various communities throughout the world
- traditional foods and dishes eaten by people throughout the world
- writing jot notes
- turning jot notes into paragraphs
- writing reports.