

**FROM SHAH TO CHADOR:  
A WOMAN'S STEP BACKWARDS**

**I. Essential Questions**

1. How do women fit into Iranian society?  
How does a woman's role in Iran differ from that of the United States?
2. What noted differences are apparent under the Shah's regime-vs-the Ayatollah's regime?
3. Why do many Shiites feel the Shah was Awrong?
4. What other causes were there for the strained American/Iranian relations?
5. What is the relationship between economic sanctions on Iraq today and the overthrow of the Shah of Iran?

**II. Objectives**

Students will demonstrate the ability to:

- 1 Compare /contrast the role of women in Fundamentalist Islam to Western Culture/
2. Evaluate Iranian society under the Shah's regime as it relates to Iranian society under the Ayatollah.
3. Identify the impact of religion in Islam as it relates to their mode of dress, food, and entertainment.
4. Chronicle the changes in American/ Iranian relations.
5. Compare/contrast the extended family found in an Iranian home to its American counterpart.
6. Identify and evaluate the causes for the Iran/Iraq war.
7. Summarize the impact of changes in Iran on American politics and policies.

### III. Resources/Materials

- < Textbooks
- < Trade Books
- < Internet
- < Movies/Videos
- < Newspapers/Magazine Serial Articles
- < Atlas/Map

### IV. Multiple Intelligence Activities

1. Power Point Presentation - The World of Islam.
2. Role Playing activities displaying the stature of women in Islam.
3. Arrange an exhibit on Islam including religious artifacts, art, clothing, documents, etc. to be displayed in the AD@ wing display case.
4. Heirloom Presentation as an outgrowth of the reading assignment A Not Without my Daughter@

### V. Categories for Assessment

- < Writing Pieces
- < Performance based
- < Technology presentations
- < Teacher designed test/quizzes

### VI. Assessment

- < Heirloom project/presentation
- < Power Point
- < Book - based project
- < Written original poetry depicting an aspect of the text: i.e. culture, repression of women, influence of religion, and such related topics
- < Assemble a collection of news headlines, photos, newspaper/magazine articles that would chronicle the changing nature of Iranian society for a bulletin board display.