

ABOUT EDUCATION RESOURCES

Dear Educators,

Are you looking for material to teach your students about Muslims?

Do you want to use sources beyond the latest news cycle?

Are you an AP History teacher? Do you teach grades 6-8 geography, social studies, biographies?

Perhaps you are searching for theatrical material for middle and high school; or for curricula fitting military personnel and diplomats.

Commander of the Faithful: The Life and Times of Emir Abdelkader as Added Value for Educators. Learning, understanding and deep understanding are not the same thing. (ARTICLE is attached.)

Here's the short story:



Abdelkader is a 19th century icon of religious and ethical leadership. As a seeker of knowledge, warrior, statesman, and devout Muslim who fought for the dignity of his people against the French colonial occupation of Algiers, Abdelkader is considered Algeria's George Washington and as a moral leader on par with Mahatma Gandhi. Abdelkader was an Islamic Sufi scholar who unexpectedly found himself leading a military campaign, as he gathered groups of disparate tribesmen, who for 17 years, held out against the formidable French colonial army.



Abdelkader is credited as a precursor to the Geneva Convention on Human Rights. His bust is in the foyer of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva. In 1860, while he was in exile from his homeland, he drew global admiration and honors for his conduct in battle and for a crucial intervention to save the Christian community from a massacre in Damascus. Newspaper accounts of his valor won him admiration as far as the American Midwest, where a new settlement was named in his honor; today, Elkader, Iowa.

Teaching Guides and Curricula

AEP commissioned and adapted educational materials — theatre vignettes, primary sources, and digital presentations — suitable for middle school through university classrooms, including in religious and military educational institutions.

AEP invites teachers and faculty to adapt and use the [teaching guides and curricula](#) resources that we have been developing with educational partners, such as the Islamic Networks Group and Harvard Pluralism Project. Much of the material is open source.

Contests / Prizes

Tell your students! [Abdelkader Global Leadership Prize](#) for high school and college students across the U.S.

Teachers and Faculty! Check out the 2020 [Abdelkader Prizes for Educators](#) for middle and high school teachers; and college or university faculty.

We are available to assist. Please feel free to contact:

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