

Name:

Day One

Dina's Faith

Part 1: Silent read

➔ What does it mean to be a Muslim? Read silently.

As a teenager, Dina moved to Boston from Russia. When she told her new classmates that she was Muslim, students had different reactions. Some didn't care about her religion. Others wanted to learn more about Dina's faith. She had friends who had heard about Muslims but never met one.

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In reality, there are many different ways to be Muslim. After all, there are over a billion Muslims in the world. It is the second largest world religion after Christianity. Muslims follow the religion of Islam. Just like Christians and Jews, Muslims believe that there is only one God. They call him "Allah," which is the Arabic word for God. The holy book of Islam is the Quran.

A symbol that people often associate with Islam is the hijab. Hijabs are scarves that cover the head and neck. Hijabs don't just cover a person's hair. The hijab is a symbol of modesty. While hijabs are worn by some Muslim women in America, others, like Dina, choose not to wear them.

Source: "Many young Muslims in America struggle to understand themselves and their faith," *The Washington Post*, May 3, 2013.



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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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248
256

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What do Muslims believe?

What is a hijab?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.