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Cultural Resources

These link will help teachers, parents and the community understand some of Rochester's many diverse cultures.

Somali

- <http://www.everyculture.com/Sa-Th/Somalia.html>
- http://www.racearchive.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/somali_booklet.pdf
- <https://ethnomed.org/culture/somali/somali-cultural-profile>
- <https://refugee.wikispaces.com/Somalia-Traditions+And+Culture>

Nepal

- <http://www.everyculture.com/Ma-Ni/Nepal.html>
- <http://www.roughguides.com/destinations/asia/nepal/culture-and-etiquette/>
- <http://nepalimade.blogspot.com/p/interestin-places-of-nepaltourist-must.html>

Congo

- <http://www.everyculture.com/Bo-Co/Democratic-Republic-of-the-Congo.html>
- <http://www.ambacongo-us.org/en-us/aboutcongo/peopleculture/people.aspx>
- <https://refugee.wikispaces.com/Congo>

Thailand

- <http://www.everyculture.com/Sa-Th/Thailand.html>
- <http://www.commisceo-global.com/country-guides/thailand-guide>
- <http://www.reachtoteachrecruiting.com/guides/thailand/culture-in-thailand/>

Burma

- <http://www.everyculture.com/Bo-Co/Burma.html>
- <http://www.myanmarbravo.com/myanmar-culture/myanmar-novitiation-ceremony.html>
- <https://refugee.wikispaces.com/Burma>

Community Centers/ Organizations

Arabic

Islamic Cultural Center of Rochester- 853 Culver Rd, Rochester, NY 14609

Affiliated with the American Muslim association of New York, they participate in activities with the local Christian church three times a year exchanging similarities between Islam and Christianity.

Islamic Center of Rochester-727 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14620

"The Islamic Center is dedicated to the service of Muslims and Islam in the greater Rochester area."

WNY Muslims- *"WNYPMuslims serves the Western New York community by creating awareness, encouraging diversity, and providing service. We empower Muslims and non-Muslims with the means to voice, connect, and contribute through creative media."*

15 HUDSON AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY 14605; 775 S. Plymouth Avenue Rochester, N.Y 14608 [temporary address]] "A conglomerate of Somali intellectuals, volunteers, and respected elders realized the need to establish a masjid to serve the demands of Rochester's increasing Somali population. It was incorporated in 2014 as a 501(c) non-profit organization."

Turkish Cultural Center- 2692 Dewey Ave. Rochester, NY 14616.

"Turkish Cultural Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable, cultural, educational non-profit organization dedicated to promote harmony in diverse cultural setting in the United States. Building, increasing and/or fostering a strong and lasting friendship by promoting a better understanding that is based on mutual respect between the individuals of the United States of America and those of Turkish background and/or origin. Introducing, promoting and informing the people in the United States with the Turkish history and culture by bringing people together in an open dialog."

Thailand/Lao

Buddhist temples you can go for holidays and religious gathering.

Wat Pa Lao Buddhaham- 135 Martin Rd.

Wat Lao Asokaram-55 Galusha Street, Rochester, NY 14605

Other

UNHCR: an organization that advocates, informs and help refugees across the world
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/>

Rochester Refugee network-579 Dewey Ave.

"Collaborating to provide services and opportunities to ensure assimilation of refugees into our society by providing assistance as they strive to be self-sustaining neighbors while still maintaining their own cultural heritage.

"<http://www.rochesterrefugeenetwork.org/rrrs/>

Maplewood community library -1111 Dewey Ave.

Maplewood helps new refugees to get accustomed to the US such as jobs and helps them prepare for citizenship test)

RTS bus service -A bus service that provides transportation for Rochester and the surrounding suburban areas.

Mary's Place-414 Lexington Ave.

Mary's place assist many refugees from Burma, Thailand, Africa, Bhutan and Burma by feeding, teaching children and Adults, provide students with basic necessities and school supplies, housing and also offers one on one case counseling, driver's permit/license, and assistance with green

cards.<http://www.marysplaceoutreach.org/>

Refugees Helping Refugees-835 South Ave.

Refugees Helping Refugees is a organization that seeks the growth, self-determination and self-reliance by making the refugees their own agents their own advancements by helping Somali and other refugees groups in a large range of services to the community.<http://www.rhrroc.org/>

Lake Avenue Memorial Baptist Church- 72 Ambrose Street,Rochester, NY 14608

Founded as a "memorial to peace," we the people of Lake Avenue Baptist Church dedicate ourselves to a future of Christ's peace with unconditional love that welcomes all, changes lives, and creates a meaningful and powerful impact on our community and world. This is one of the largest Burmese community in Rochester and also welcomes many other cultures.

SCODEC- 207 Tremont St.

SCODEC is a mostly Somali community center that includes programs such as job search and employment referral, transportation,citizenship, cultural orientation,etc.but the benefits of the program services included refugees from Burundi, Burma,Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Teacher resources

Eduplace-<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/sv/books/content/wordbuilder/>

Online grammar exercises

<http://pinkmonkey.com/booknotes/monkeynotes/pmLordFlies02.asp>

Study guides, notes and summary to literature

ESL Fast-<http://www.eslfast.com/>

Text for intermediate ESL students

Learning Chocolate-<http://www.learningchocolate.com/>

Games for learning and teaching vocabulary

ESOL Cafe- <http://www.eslcafe.com/>

“ESL teacher Dave Sperling’s in-depth site provides numerous lessons about sentence structure, word use, and more.” [link](#)

ESL Notes-<http://www.eslnotes.com/>

Detail synopsis of popular films that includes plot summary, extended vocabulary and cultural references, and discussions for ELL class discussion.

Websites for ELL learners

ISL collective- a great resource for vocabulary identification, recognition, offers free materials and flashcards (visuals with text)

<https://en.islcollective.com/>

Brainpop ESL- Who doesn't love Tim and Moby? This version of Brainpop introduces vocabulary and provides relevant, engaging activities for ELL learners

<https://esl.brainpop.com/>

Kidspages- another great site for visual/text flashcards and vocabulary, completely free

<http://www.kids-pages.com/flashcards.htm>

Websites for Social Studies:

Animated Maps- reenacts any battle in history in animated form with amazing sound effects and graphics(<http://historyanimated.com/verynewhistorywaranimated/>

<http://www.manythings.org/>

Road to the Revolution- the most engaging simulation game, centered on the events leading up to the Revolutionary War <http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/road.html>

Websites for any content subject:

Flocabulary- educational rap songs with correlating activities <https://www.flocabulary.com/>

Smartexchange- Need a Smartboard presentation? Find one on any topic for free.<http://exchange.smarttech.com/search.html>

Bouncing Balls-measures volume of classroom using interactive bouncing balls

<https://bouncyballs.org/>

Math Websites:

PEMDAS Blaster-<https://www.mangahigh.com/en-us/games/bidmasblaster>

My students love this game. The graphics and quality of this simulation game are amazing.

Prodigy Math- Another simulation game, allows the teacher to build the content for the students. Students can engage in "math battles" and earn game rewards and privileges

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

ELA Websites:

Storyline online- Books read aloud by celebrities! <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

EPIC- https://www.getepic.com/app/account_select

Huge assortment of books online, teachers can set reading level for students, so that they are choosing "just right books"

ESL kids-<http://esl-kids.com/>

ESL stuff for teaching kids including flashcards, worksheets, classroom games and children's song lyrics.A great resource for teachers of ESL kids.

Language Caster-<http://languagecaster.com/>

“The idea behind this site is simple. By listening, reading and writing about something you enjoy – football – you can improve your English language skills. Follow the Premier League in England, and the big football stories from around the world while learning English. Both of us love football, although only one of us knows what he is talking about!”