

The Breadwinner:

Lesson one – What do you know about Afghanistan?

Aim:

Pupils will know more about Afghanistan and its recent history.

Learning outcomes:

All pupils will know that Afghanistan has been ruled by a series of different governments over the recent years.

Most pupils will know that different groups in charge of Afghanistan had very different ideas about how they wanted the country to be run.

A few people will be able to explain how these different groups might have affected different groups of people in Afghanistan.

Resources:

PPT

Film 'The Kite Runner'

Task sheet.

Activities:

Introduction:

Pupils should write on post it notes anything they know about Afghanistan. These will be put on the board and can be grouped together.

Starter:

Key terms exercise. Pupils match key terms to their definitions.

Main activities:

1. Review.
2. Show slide 2 of the PPT and ask groups to comment on how people look in the photograph.
3. Show slides 3 and 4 and ask the class to compare the two slides and images.
4. Give out the time line exercise by making a living graph to consider how safe people might have felt at different times.
5. How might these change have affected people?
6. Watch the two video clips and ask pupils to note differences between them.

Plenary

Show the final image on the PPT it shows Kabul university today – what do people notice?

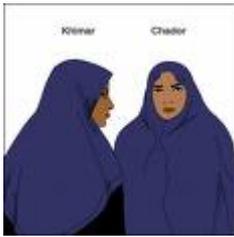
How do the class think it would have affected people to have lived in Kabul before and during Taliban rule?

Explain that we are going to read a book to find out more.

Burqa



A long tent like garment which the Taliban had said women must wear whenever they go outside. It covers them completely and even has a narrow mesh screen over the eyes.



Chador

A piece of cloth worn by women and girls to cover their hair and shoulders. Girls wear this outside

Dari

One of two main languages in Afghanistan

Eid

A Moslem festival coming at the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting.

Karachi



A cart on wheels pushed by hand, used to sell things in the market.

Kebab

Pieces of meat on a skewer, cooked over a fire.

Land mine



A bomb planted in the ground which explodes if you step on it.

Nan



Afghan bread – flat, sometimes long and sometimes round

Pakul



A grey or brown woollen blanket shawl worn by Afghan men and boys

Pashtu

One of the main languages in Afghanistan

Shalwar kameez



Long loose shirt and trousers worn by both men and women. Men's are all one colour, with pockets in the side and on the chest. Women's are different colours and patterns, sometimes elaborately embroidered or beaded.

Soviets

The Soviet Union before its break up including Russia and other communist countries.

Taliban

Members of the ruling party in Afghanistan

Toshak



A narrow mattress used in many Afghan homes instead of chairs or beds.