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DUKE UNC CONSORTIUM FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES OUTREACH PROGRAM

“Connecting the Middle East to the Southeast” Study Tour **Reading Guide #2**

**Instructions:** To receive 1.2 CEU credits or 12 Professional Development Contact Hours educators must successfully prepare for the tour by completing three readings and reading guides, attend the full day on August 11, and complete a post-program reflection. Reading guides can be turned in during the morning of the Study Tour, or you may email or mail this completed document to Emma Harver before at:

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**Reading**: Beydoun, Khaled A. (2014, June 28). Ramadan: A centuries-old American tradition. *Al Jazeera.* Retrieved from <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2014/06/ramadan-american-tradition-201462714534443176.html>.

**Resource:** Prince Among Slaves: the Cultural Legacy of Enslaved Africans (<http://princeamongslaves.org/>). This Unity Productions Foundation and PBS website features rich content expanding on three theme areas: Muslims in early America, the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, and Identity.

1. **What are a few examples from the article that demonstrate the multi-culturalism of Muslims in America?**

**2. Why is it important to recognize that Ramadan is not necessarily a “new American tradition” as the Los-Angeles imam commented, but rather one deeply entrenched in U.S. history?**

**3.** The ***Prince Among Slaves* Resource** provides educational modules on topics such as “African Muslims Enslaved in the United States” and “Islam and the Blues.” Please take a while to browse the information on the website. Think about how the experience of African Muslims and non-Muslims was different. For example, many of the Muslims enslaved were literate and identified as intellectuals due to their Islamic education, challenging the prohibition of a slave’s ability to read and write. (<http://princeamongslaves.org/module/muslimsinus.html?page=1>)