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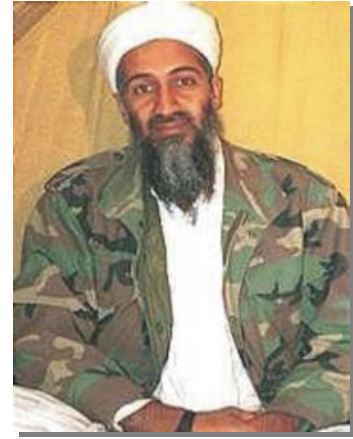
# OSAMA BIN LADEN

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Grade Levels: 6-13+

17 minutes



## DESCRIPTION

Briefly covers Osama bin Laden's childhood before focusing on his development as an Islamic fundamentalist. Details his anger and offense at the United States, Israel, and their allies, and his drive to create a world Islamic government at any cost. Concludes with a list of terrorist acts linked to Bin Laden.

## ACADEMIC STANDARDS

### Subject Area: Historical Understanding

- Standard: Understands the historical perspective
  - Benchmark: Analyzes the values held by specific people who influenced history and the role their values played in influencing history
  - Benchmark: Analyzes the influence specific ideas and beliefs had on a period of history

## INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

1. To study the life of Osama bin Laden.
2. To define the major influences in Bin Laden's life.
3. To examine Bin Laden's hatred for America.

## VOCABULARY

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. Afghan Arabs | 6. Islam    |
| 2. Allah        | 7. jihad    |
| 3. Al Qaeda     | 8. Koran    |
| 4. fatwa        | 9. Muslim   |
| 5. hadj         | 10. Taliban |

## BEFORE SHOWING

1. Review the vocabulary list.
2. Discuss Osama bin Laden.
  - a. What do you know about Bin Laden?
  - b. Where have you learned this information?
  - c. Did you know Bin Laden prior to 9/11/2001?

## AFTER SHOWING

### Discussion Items and Questions

1. Discuss the general facts revealed from the video about Bin Laden, i.e., place and year of birth, family life.
  - a. What sort of childhood did Bin Laden have?
  - b. What influence did his father have in his life?
  - c. How did Islam influence a young Bin Laden?
2. Discuss the Islamic religion.
  - a. What are the fundamentals of Islam?
  - b. Who was the founder of Islam?
  - c. How many people follow the religion?
3. While attending the University of Jiddah, Bin Laden studied engineering and also met Professor Abdullah Azzam. How did these encounters affect his later life?
4. Discuss Bin Laden's involvement in the fight against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. What was the CIA's involvement?
5. In August 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. What actions were taken during this time that angered Bin Laden? What were some of the reasons why he was so angry with the Saudi royal family?
6. What did Bin Laden do to help the Sudan? Why was he eventually asked to leave the Sudan?
7. Why did Bin Laden once again go to Afghanistan?
8. Who are the Taliban? Where did they come from? What rules did they enforce on the Afghan people?

### Applications and Activities

1. Create a timeline of the life of Bin Laden. Break the timeline down, i.e., his childhood, time in Lebanon, Afghanistan (late 1980s), Sudan, etc. and discuss how the happenings in his life influenced the man we know today as Osama Bin Laden.
2. Research fundamental religious organizations including Islamic, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist or other organized religions. Compare and contrast the groups and their actions. How are they different and how are they the same? What are their goals? Are all people involved in these organizations the same? Lead a class discussion on the effects of religion to the modern-day world.
3. Research and report on one of the terrorist acts listed at the end of the tape that are attributed to Bin Laden.

## RELATED RESOURCES



### Captioned Media Program

- Faith and Belief: Five Major World Religions #8078
- Holy Land (Judaism, Christianity and Islam in Middle East) #1982
- Islam #8498
- Story of Islam: The Coming of the Prophet #3086



## World Wide Web

The following Web sites complement the contents of this guide; they were selected by professionals who have experience in teaching deaf and hard of hearing students. Every effort was made to select accurate, educationally relevant, and "kid safe" sites. However, teachers should preview them before use. The U.S. Department of Education, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Captioned Media Program do not endorse the sites and are not responsible for their content.

- **HUNTING BIN LADEN**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/binladen/>

An in-depth look at Bin Laden presented by the PBS show Frontline. Includes background information on Bin Laden and on his terrorist attacks.

- **WHO IS OSAMA BIN LADEN?**

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/osamabinladen.html>

Informative site with additional information on Al Qaeda, the Taliban, the Afghan war, Sudan, Islam and other related topics.