It's true. The hijab is not just a garment that covers a woman's hair or body.

The hijab is MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

Veils don't exist solely in Islam, they exist and have existed in nearly all religions (mono- and polytheistic) and all cultures in every part of the world across history.

At the time, as my parents rightly said,
I didn't account for all of this. I must
admit that what pushed me to
understand Islam and the significance
of the hijab were my teachers and
classmates. When I started to wear
the hijab, they were curious and asked me
tons of questions, even though I was just a kid.

At first, I didn't know how to respond to them, but I would go home and ask my family, look around, and read books to find the answers. This is how I was able to better understand my RELIGION and CULTURE.