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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Include non-Jewish Semites such as Arabs , Palestinians , Druz, in your ethnic studies curricula.

In Biblical legends, Noah fathered Shem. Ham, and Japheth, or Semites (populationsof the eastern Mediterranean and Arabia,) Hamites (Egyptians and other Africans), and Cretans, Greeks, And other Europeans. Those we now call Jews started splitting off in the stories about Abraham, although Hagar, his concubine, and Ishmael, his son, were Part of the family. It wasn't until much later, after Moses, that there was a distinction between the Semites who continued living in Abraham's territory and those who had moved into and then out of Egypt. Now, real history may have different stories and facts, but the ways in which one people, one ethnic group, became warring tribes is worth Studying. This is also relevant to the divisions between different groups of European immigrants to this country, with consequences ranging from Norwegian/blonde jokes to civil war and threats of Resurgent war. So please do not erase any ethnic groups from your ethnic studies program. We all, everywhere in the world, have much to learn from their interactions, whether successful or failed.