

This reading will tell the characteristics and story of some Muslim women living in Canada, which has a different culture. Ms.Rebea is one of Canada's students like other students, but she's one different from typical students; she's hijab.

When she was 16, she decided to wear a hijab. The rules of Islam command that when a girl reaches her sexual maturity, she should cover some part of her body to reduce the gazes by men, which could lower the sexual temptation of opposite sexes. But as she says, it was pretty strange to see such a covered person at highschool, and everybody was pointing her out while walking across, which was not a pleasant feeling.

Being one of the thousands of members of the Islamic community in Canada is a non-Islamic culture, but it's famous for its freedom, which means you can choose your path for living. As statistics show, the number of Muslims in Canada, especially in Ontario, is very small but is growing every day. These Muslims have migrated from different countries such as Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, etc.

Ms.Rebea and her three classmates, who are Muslims, persuaded the school to build a separate room for prayer. They say that being Canadian means we are free to whatever we want to wear to eat, and even it's optional to choose our way of living. They picked Islam not as an obligatory option but as a free choice. She also mentioned two verses of the Quran, the holy book of Muslims, which indicates that modesty is a necessary factor both for women and men.

Mrs.Zine is another sample of this Islamic community in Canada. She's 31, and her thesis at university is about how the minority of hijabis in Canada is fighting against prominent culture while suffering from insults. Muslim women believe that they should be judged and seen by their spiritual characteristics and not to be not treated as a physical substance!

Sajidah is another woman who had suffered a lot at the way of persisting and fighting to keep her identity as a Muslim. She says that for the first when she started to wear the hijab, she was in grade 6; at that time, because of being different, she was always ignored, and even she lost most of her friends. But nowadays, it's easier to walk with the hijab, as she says, cause most people have accepted this new trend and culture.

Sajidah refers this minority to Muslims' unity in the Persian Gulf countries and adds that this unity between Muslims roots from self-examination. Attending a Quran discussion is another example with some words and phrases that need to be analyzed subtly. Mahr and Jahiz are one of these definitions that direct the obey of religion to humankind, but in fact, they have cultural roots.

Mahr is the amount of money mentioned in the contract of marriage and is received exclusively by the bride when her husband dies or at emergencies. In some countries like India, the bride is expected to prepare her jewelry, clothes, and possessions for the marriage, called Jahez. But in the new generation, Jahez is not accepted because they think that this puts extra pressure on the bride's shoulders.



Advanced Three - Unit One - Summary

Hina Khan is another girl from Pakistan for whom hijab was a big deal since it was making the conflict between her and her mother. Her mother believed that covering her body and hair would reduce the chance of her marriage cause it is lowering the attractiveness of a girl and is against their cultural marriage traditions. Finally, she chose Islam because she believed that marriage is something over cultures and is determined by God, not man!

- 1- What's the meaning of free culture in Canada?
- 2- Why most Muslims tend to migrate to Ontario?
- 3- Why hijabis have a better condition in countries like Canada in comparison with past years?
- 4- Do you think the migration of Muslims to another country is a kind of cultural invasion?
- 5- Is modesty exclusively for women? why
- 6- Why is Jahez not common among the new generation?
- 7- How do extremists destroy the purity of the real face of Islam?
- 8- What's the difference between the physical and spiritual judgment of women?
- 9- Does covering the body reduce the chance of marriage for girls? why
- 10- What's your real opinion about the hijab?



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