

PERSPECTIVES OF THE DAY

CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

NATIONAL DAY

World Arabic Language Day

December 18th is World Arabic Language Day! This honors the day that

Organization. Events by the UNESCO aim to highlight the role of

WHAT DO YOU CALL A
SNOWMAN WITH A SIX PACK?
AN ABDOMNIAL SNOWMAN!

the United Nations adopted Arabic as the sixth official language in 1973. It has since promoted multilingualism and cultural diversity and was deemed an official day in 2010 by the United nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural

education, media, technology and public policy in shaping accessible and dynamic uses of Arabic. Arabic extends back over a millennium and originates in the Arabian



TODAY IN HISTORY

- IN 1892, TCHAIKOVSKY'S NUTCRACKER BALLET PREMIERS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA.
- IN 1917, THE 18TH AMENDMENT IS PASSED, PUTTING PROHIBITION INTO EFFECT.
- IN 1920, THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMP IS PRINTED WITHOUT THE WORDS UNITED STATES OR US.
- IN 1965, THE GEMINI CARRYING TWO ASTRONAUTS RETURN TO EARTH AFTER TWO WEEKS IN SPACE.
- IN 1968, THE MUSICAL CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG PREMIERS IN NYC.

Peninsula. Since this is the language of the religious book the Quran, the preservation of Arabic and its standardization was meticulously maintained, allowing it to remain intelligible for all this time. Arabic became the main language of science, mathematics, and philosophy in the Golden Age of Islam, and during the European Renaissance scholars in Baghdad,

Cordoba, and Cairo would translate ancient Greek and Roman texts into Arabic to preserve the knowledge and language.

This year, the theme for World Arabic Language Day is Innovative Pathways for Arabic: Policies and Practices for a More Inclusive Linguistic Future. This theme is to have celebrations that will spotlight how education, media, technology, and public policy are driving more

accessible, dynamic, and socially responsive uses of Arabic especially with our advancements in technology thus far.

Observe today by learning a little Arabic, reading Arab authors in translation, playing traditional or modern Arabic music, or even visiting a local museum or cultural center!

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are the attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

-1 Peter 3:12

Interesting Fact

December 18th is also International Migrants Day! The United States has always been a melting pot of cultures thanks to the migration of many different peoples to a New World. With our rapidly changing world, this day is important to reaffirm the need for safer, more inclusive, and fairer migration systems. Migration is still poorly understood within society today, despite its proven benefits, and most systems aren't equipped to handle the capacity. This year's theme is My Great Story: Cultures and Development and this highlights how human mobility drives growth, enriches societies, and helps communities adapt, connect, and support one another. With the political climate, this message is more urgent than ever as migration continues to shape economies, communities, and global development. This year calls for smarter policies, stronger cooperation, and a renewed commitment to making migration work for all.

Trivia

What Christmas special airs for the first time on December 18th, 1966?

A: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

B: A Year Without a Santa Claus

C: Santa Claus is Comin' to Town

D: How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Sudoku

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Sudoku

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