

Lesson 8: Poetry

Activity 2 Reading

Choose the best answers for each question. Use the topic sentences to help you

Traditional Bedouin Poetry

Al-Taghrooda is a type of traditional Bedouin poetry. So how was this poetry different to other types of poetry? Each poem had seven lines. Two groups of Bedouins chanted the poem. One group chanted the first line of the poem, the other group chanted the second line. Bedouins told traditional stories and history with Al-Taghrooda poetry.

Bedouins told Al-Taghrooda poems for many reasons. They told Al-Taghrooda poems for entertainment at campfires. Sometimes women chanted poems when they worked. Bedouins also used poems to send messages to their leaders.

Today, Al -Taghrooda is an important part of UAE culture. People chant the poems at weddings and national festivals. Have you heard this poetry before?



1- What is Al-Taghrooda?

2 - Why did Bedouins tell Al-Taghrooda poetry?

3- Why is Al-Taghrooda important today?