



## Protests in Iran (January 22, 2026)

# TEACHING GUIDE

**i** **What?** There are protests currently taking place in Iran, where people are gathering in the streets to express their discontent.

**Who?** Iranian citizens of all ages who want their voices heard.

**Where?** In several cities across Iran, especially in major urban centers like the capital, Tehran.

**When?** These protests have been ongoing since the end of 2025 and are continuing into January 2026.

**Why is this important?** Because Iran is a significant country on the political stage.

**For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about Iran and its rich culture.**

### OBJECTIVES

- Discover a country often in the news
- Locate Iran on a world map
- Discover a different language (Persian)
- Explore Iranian cultural and artistic heritage
- Develop curiosity and cultural awareness
- Express ideas in writing based on observations

### COMPETENCIES

- Read and interpret visual and textual documents
- Search for and select relevant information
- Understand a geographical and cultural context
- Justify an answer using examples
- Express an opinion clearly

### SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Geography**
  - Discovering a Middle Eastern Country
  - Geographical Location
  - Understanding a Global Context
- **English**
  - Reading Instructions
  - Comprehension of Informative Texts
  - Written Production (Answers and Opinions)
- **General Knowledge**
  - Discovering an Ancient Civilization
  - Raising Awareness of Cultural Diversity

### DURATION

- About 60 minutes

### GETTING STARTED

- Show the students a picture of Iran or Tehran.
- Ask them:
  - "Have you ever heard of Iran?"
  - "Where do you think this country is located on the planet?"
- Note down a few spontaneous answers before starting the activity.



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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**STEP 1 — Iran on the World Map.** Exploration of Iran using Google Earth and completion of the Iran fact sheet from Wikipedia.

Capital city:	Tehran
Area:	1 648 195 km <sup>2</sup>
Population:	Around 92 million
Official language:	Persian
Bordering countries:	Irak, Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan.

**STEP 2 — Some notions of Persian.** Discovery of Persian using Google Translate and translation of certain words into Persian.

- Q1 — **Sobh bakhir** (صبح بخیر)
- Q2 — **Koodak** (کودک)
- Q3 — **Dost daram yah ruzi baram Iran.** (دوست دارم یه روزی برم ایران)

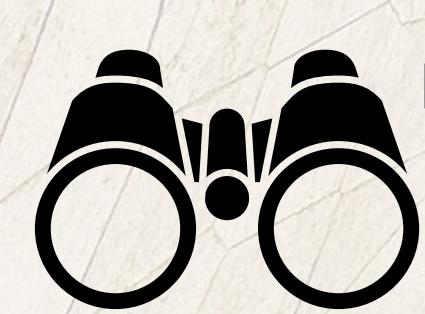
**STEP 3 — A rich culture.** Observation of images representing Iranian art and architecture (mosques, mosaics, carpets).

- Q4 — The student mentions geometric shapes, repetitive patterns, bright colors (blue, red, green), and expresses a personal appreciation.



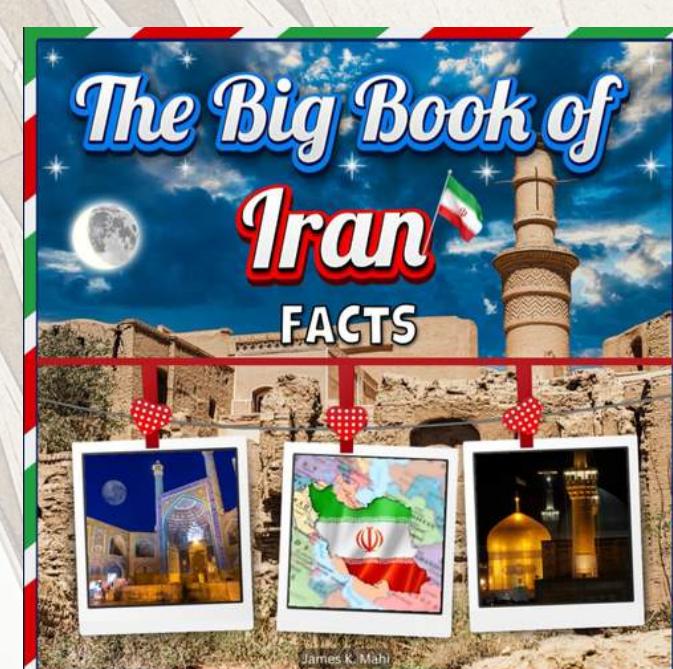
### WRAPPING UP

- Review what the students have learned about Iran.
- Discuss the importance of learning more about the countries featured in the news.
- Emphasize that behind every event, there is always a culture, a history, and people.
- Encourage curiosity and respect for cultural differences.



### FURTHER EXPLORATION

- James K. Mahi. *The Big Book of Iran Facts: An Educational Country Travel Picture Book for Kids about History, Destination Places, Animals, and Many More.*





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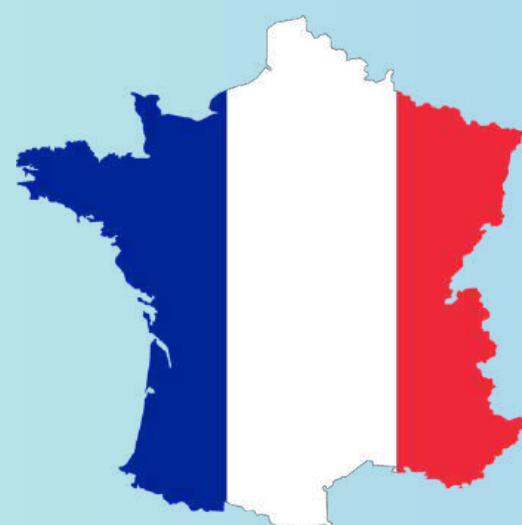


Now you know a little more about Iran. You'll learn even more in what follows!

How many times smaller or larger is Iran than these countries? (Division by  $\div$  might help!)



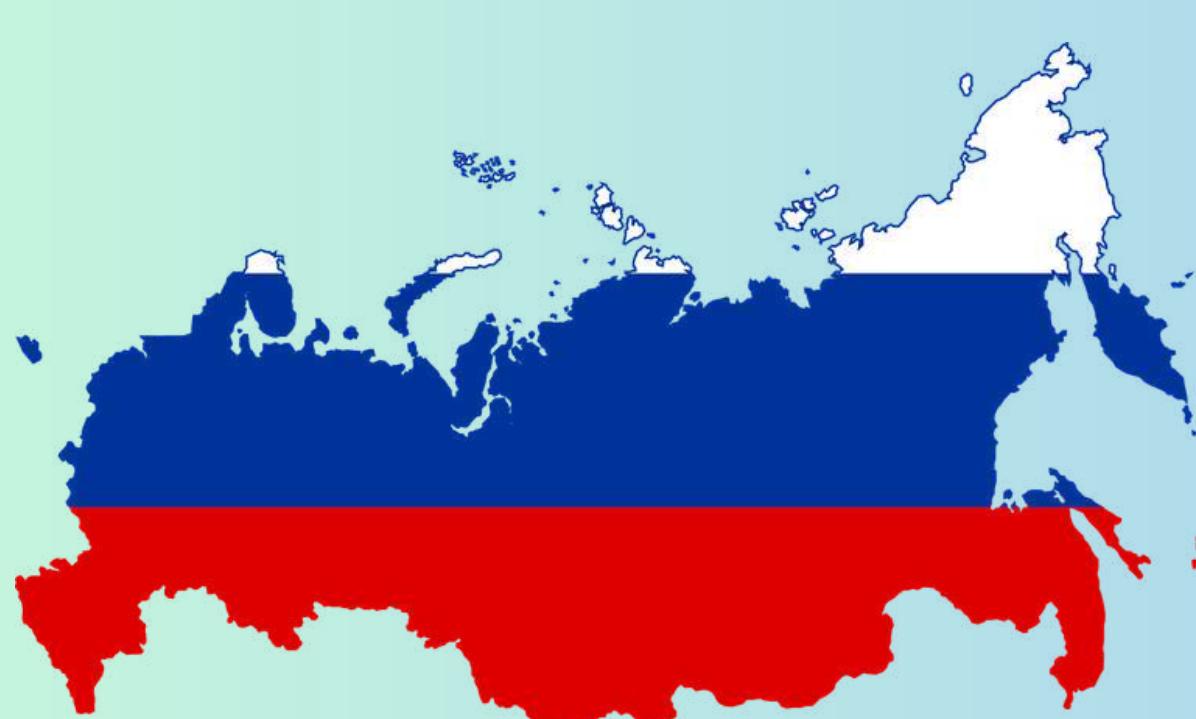
Iran  
1,648,195 km<sup>2</sup>



France  
632,702 km<sup>2</sup>



United States  
9,833,520 km<sup>2</sup>



Russia  
17,098,246 km<sup>2</sup>



Germany  
357,022 km<sup>2</sup>



## PRINCE OF PERSIA

Have you ever played the Prince of Persia video games?

Have you ever seen the movie based on the video games?

Did you know that Persia is the ancient name for Iran? That's why they speak Persian in Iran!

**Tell that to your favorite adult! You'll impress them!**

