

Focus Questions: **Arab Detroit**

- 1) In what specific ways are the children of the first generation *Arab/ Lebanese* American immigrants *less ethnic* than their parents? In particular what is happening to the levels of fluency in the Arabic language among the children?

- 2) How *ethnic* do you anticipate that the third generation of *Arab/ Lebanese* Americans will be? Do you think that this generation of *Arab/ Lebanese* Americans will still be fluent in some Arabic language? Will they still be Muslim? Will the girls still dress in traditional head scarfs?

- 3) Do you think that Arab Americans should be classified as *Caucasians* as they are under current US Census policy? If so, why? What do you think explains the historical fact that they are classified as *Caucasians*?

- 4) How do you think that outbreaks of Arab terrorism have affected American attitudes towards Arab Americans? Can most Americans distinguish between Lebanese, Iraqi, Saudi, and Palestinian people? Can the average American tell an Arab terrorist from a non-terrorist?