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Dear friends in Connecting Classrooms,

My name is Hajar Gouray. I am fifteen years old. I am a member of Connecting Classrooms in Oued Eddahab Middle School. I am going to tell you about **Aid-Adha**.

In Morocco, Eid al-Adha is referred to as Eid al Kebir ,because of its great significance to Muslims. It is one of two main Islamic holidays. Eid al-Adha or festival of sacrifice is celebrated in the whole Islamic world to commemorate the willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ismael as an act of obedience to God. Muslims observe this day by slaughtering an animal –usually a sheep, goat or cow.

It is celebrated annually on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dhu al Hijjah, and its celebrations start after the hajj.



Like Aid al-Fitre Eid al –Adha begins with a sunnah prayer of two Rakaah followed by a sermon(khutbah).Men, women and children wear their best clothing to perform Salat-ul-Eid in a large congregation in an open field called Musallah.



After the prayer, people return to their houses to sacrifice their domestic animals .They either convene for slaughter or do it individually. Then, they enjoy meals with special dishes beverages and desserts and children receive gifts and sweets on this happy occasion.

