BACKGROUND: This instruction sheet provides guidelines on the usage of the heading **Arabs** and the terms **Arab, Arabian, and Arabic** as qualifiers in subject headings, as well as the heading and qualifier **Arab countries**.

1. **Arabs.** Use the heading **Arabs (May Subd Geog)** for comprehensive works on the Arabs as an ethnic group.

2. **Arab.** Use the adjective **Arab** to qualify headings that designate Arabs as an *ethnic group*, for example, **Cooking, Arab**.

3. **Arabian.** Use the adjective **Arabian** to qualify headings that designate the Arabian Peninsula as a *place*, for example, **Goddesses, Arabian**.

4. **Arabic.** Use the adjective **Arabic** to qualify headings that designate the Arabic *language*, for example, **Calligraphy, Arabic**.

5. **Arab countries.** Use the geographic heading and subdivision **Arab countries** for works that treat collectively the Arabic-speaking countries of Asia and Africa, or of Asia only. Also use the term to qualify headings that designate these countries collectively, for example, **Arab countries periodicals; Diplomatic and consular service, Arab countries**.