*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**.