

# Iraqi and American relationships in *Lost*

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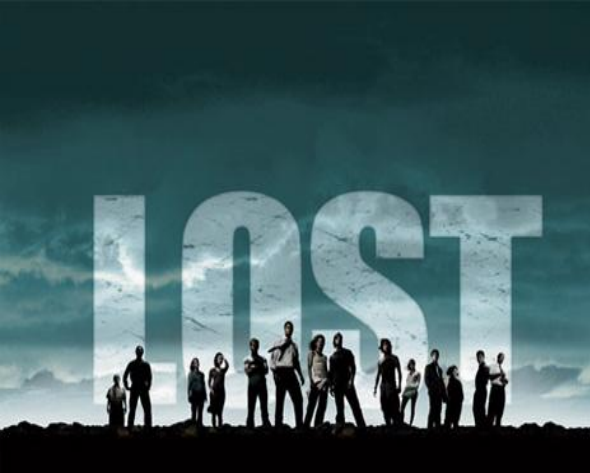
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- Debuted on ABC in September 2004
- *Lost* is about a mysterious island. It depicts 48 plane crash survivors, with 14 main characters, who are stranded on a very unusual island in the south Pacific.
- The plane was travelling from Sydney to Los Angeles. Each character is from very different cultures, which leads to conflicts between them.
- Due to its large ensemble cast and the cost of filming primarily on location in Hawaii, the series is one of the most expensive on television.
- It was created by Damon Lindelof, J.J. Abrams and Jeffrey Lieber.
- *Lost* will conclude in its sixth season with its 120th and final episode airing in May 2010

# Sayid Jarrah

## Clip: Everything happens for a reason

- Sayid tells another character, “Some people have problems.”
- Sayid is courageous, and a competent leader
- He has a conservative manner which reflects both strength and spirituality
- He has tried to atone for the demons in his past
- Sayid spent much of his adult life searching for his childhood-love, Nadia, hoping she was alive
- He kills out of necessity and sometimes vengeance
- Conflicts with others are caused by some cultural misunderstandings

# Conflicts among the passengers



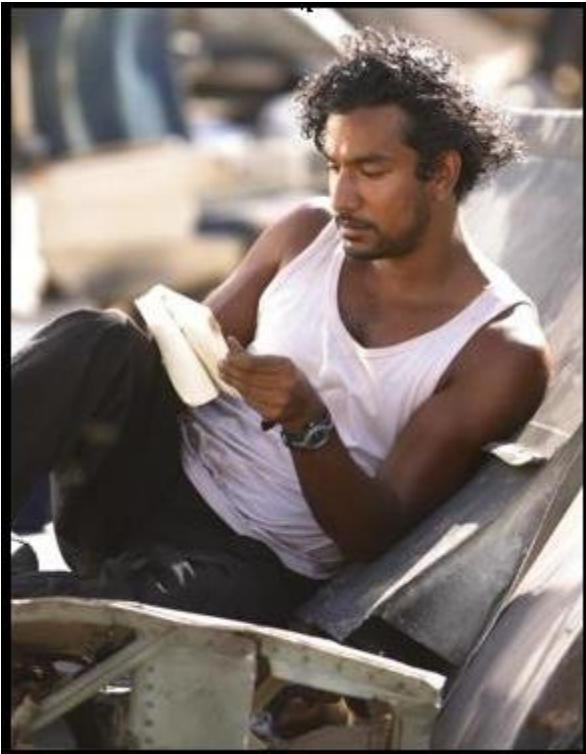
**Clip: Sawyer and Sayid's first fight**

# Sayid as a killer



Or as...

# Sensitive and a deep-thinker?



# Skills/Knowledge and Significance



**Telecommunications**



**Aviation**



**Electromagnetism**



**Unarmed combat**



**Cartography**



**Intuition**

# Perception of culture

How do you perceive this cultural group (Iraqis) after watching this clip and learning about Sayid from *Lost*?



**Questions?  
Comments?**

**Thank You!**