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**Answer Key: Spellbound Episode 3 Bassam Shakkashiri: Video Questions**

**Instructions**
While watching the video, answer the following questions:

1. Where did Bassam live as a child?
   - Beirut, Lebanon

2. What fascinated Bassam as a child?
   - Colors (and light and vision)

3. Why did Bassam choose to study chemistry in college?
   - He wanted to learn more about color changes and other chemical reactions.

4. Who was Bassam’s influential professor at Boston University, and what class did he teach?
   - Lou Baker, advanced inorganic chemistry

5. Where does Bassam teach college chemistry, and how long has he been there?
   - The University of Wisconsin in Madison for over 40 years.

6. What outreach effort did Bassam found?
   - Wisconsin Initiative for Science Literacy

7. What does Bassam say about scientists communicating with the general public?
   - It is important for scientists to communicate the importance and values of chemistry to society, to all members of the general public, and to engage them in the processes of science.

After you watch the video, reflect on the following questions:

8. Bassam was very curious about colors as a child. What were you curious about or interested in as a child? Do you still have the same interest(s)? If not, what are you interested in now?
   - *Answers will vary.*
9. Bassam tries to emulate the teaching approaches of a college professor who was influential to him. Who are two people in your life who you try to be like? What attributes of theirs do you admire and try to imitate?

Answers will vary.

10. If you had the opportunity to ask Bassam one question (about anything – his work, his life, etc.), what would it be?

Answers will vary.