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Qur'an: Sacred Scripture of Islam Teachings of the Qur'an and the Hadith

Muslims rely on the Qur'an and the Hadith for guidance in their daily lives. The Qur'an is the sacred book of Islam, considered to be the word of Allah, revealed to the Prophet Muhammad through the Angel Gabriel. The Hadith is a compilation of traditions related to the statements and actions of the Prophet and are regarded as important tools for determining the way of Islamic life.

Student Directions:

1. In this activity you and your partner are going to examine several passages from the Qur'an and the Hadith (a compilation of the teachings of Muhammad) that provide guidelines for Muslims.
1. Review the quote from the Qur'an or the Hadith and summarize its meaning in the appropriate place on the chart below.
2. Then discuss its meaning with your partner and describe the passage's practical application to the Muslim way of life. Explain how the passage's meaning provides guidance for Muslims.
3. Be prepared to present one of the quotes to the entire class.

Passage from the Qur'an or Hadith	Summary of passage meaning	Explanation of application to life.
Diet: "He has only forbidden you what dies of itself, and blood, and flesh of swine, and that over which any other (name) than (that of) Allah has been invoked; but whoever is driven to necessity, not desiring, nor exceeding the limit, no sin shall be upon him; surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful." (2:173)		
Dress: "O Prophet! Tell thy wives and daughters, and the believing women, that they should cast their outer garments over their persons (when abroad); that is most convenient, that they should be known (as such) and not molested. And Allah is Off-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (33:59)		

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<p>Respect for Parents: "And your Lord has commanded that you shall not serve (any) but Him, and goodness to your parents. If either or both of them reach old age with you, say not to them (so much as) "Ugh" nor chide them, and speak to them a generous word." (17.23)</p>		
<p>Alcohol: "They ask you about intoxicants and games of chance. Say: In both of them there is a great sin and means of profit for men, and their sin is greater than their profit." (2:219)</p>		
<p>Prayer: "When you intend to offer the prayer, perform ablution well and turn your face to the Ka'bah and say: Allah is the Greatest. Then recite any piece of the Holy Book what you can easily do, then bow down well, then stand erect, then prostrate, well, then sit erect, then prostrate well again, then do so to the end while offering the prayer. (Abu Hurairah)</p>		
<p>Politeness: "And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet with a better (greeting) than it or return it; surely Allah takes account of all things." (4:86)</p>		