**World History**

**Women and Islam and Violence in Islam**

**Part I:**

**Essential Question-How did the rise of Islam change the lives of women?**

*Read the three articles and address the questions that accompany each. Be ready to share your insights in a group and then you will blog your observations and evaluations online.*

**Article 1: Time- The Women of Islam**

1. Read and annotate the article. Make sure to identify main idea of each paragraph as well as specific examples to support your claim.

2. Take notes on the following topics/paragraphs:

a. Prophet Muhammad was a feminist

b. Variations on the picture of the Islamic woman

c. The problem arose dating to Muhammad

d. Rights of Islamic women: family law, divorce rights, poverty, and the Koran

e. Beating and violence against Islamic women including: “honor killing”, female circumcision

f. Veiling and covering of Islamic women

g. Limiting of the movement of Islamic women (examples)

h. Gender reforms

i. Political victories

j. Turkey as the exception

k. Other victories: Iran, Saudi Arabia

3. Question: Discuss the changing role of women in the Islamic world. What are the major causes restricting the rights of women? Do you believe these restrictions are created by the religious beliefs of Islam or the political and cultural influence of location of Islam?

**Article 2: Women and Men in Early Islam**

1. Read and annotate the article.

2. Answer the following questions:

a. How did the Quran actually release women from prior restrictions placed on women? How did the Quran impose new restrictions?

b. How did culture and the *hadiths* influence the role of women in Islam?

c. Compare and contrast how the Quran and *hadiths* influenced women in Islam. Create a chart identifying both, including SPECIFIC examples from the text to support your claims.

**Article 3: Are Women Second-Class Citizens in Islam?**

1. Read the article and answer the questions provided. Make sure to answer including evidence and support (verses from the Quran).

**Conclusion (in a group of THREE):**

1. Write THREE thesis statements

a. Evaluate the changing role of women in the Islamic world. Has Islam been a positive or negative force for women?

a. Compare and contrast how the Quran and the *hadiths* influenced women in Islam.

b. Refute or support the following statement-

“Women are second-class citizens in Islam.”

2. Write THREE well-written paragraphs for the topics above. Include your thesis statements as well as THREE pieces of specific evidence to support your thesis.

**Part II:**

**Essential Question- Is force an integral (central) part of Islam?**

**Article 1: Excerpt from- The World’s Religions, Huston Smith**

1. Read and annotate the article.

2. After reading answer the question posed: Do you think force is a central part of Islam, based on this reading?

**Article 2: Time- The True, Peaceful face of Islam**

1. Read and annotate.

2. What is the author of this article arguing? Cite THREE pieces of evidence to support this argument.

**Article 3: Pakistan- Taliban brainwashes kids with visions of virgins**

1. Read and annotate.

2. Summarize the article in your own words.

3. How does this article support the idea that Islam is originally a peaceful religion? According to this article, what is another possible cause for the violence seen in Islam?

**Conclusion: (In a group of THREE)**

1. Write a thesis addressing the following- Evaluate the notion that Islam is a violent religion.

2. Using the articles provided, write a well-written paragraph proving your thesis. You must cite and use direct text/evidence (from all three articles) to prove your claims.

3 Post online by Friday evening (11:59) and comment on TWO other groups by Sunday evening. Notes check Wednesday, and collecting notes on MONDAY 2/3/2014.

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Using your paragraphs, post your information online under the correct topic heading. You must post by FRIDAY, 1/31, evening and respond to TWO other groups by SUNDAY, 2/2, evening. Post a well-written response about women in Islam and violence in Islam.