

Unit V: Post 9/11 - Consequences and Challenges

Grade Levels: 9-12

Time: 120-150 minutes

Lesson HV-14: Reactions to and from the Muslim and Arab Communities After 9/11

Objective:

Students will assess the validity of accusations and acts of violence against the Muslim and Arab communities following the events of 9/11.

Key Terms:

Muslim

Arab

Qur'an

Materials:

Library/internet

Activities/Procedures:

- Students will bring up the following website:
<http://groups.colgate.edu/aarislam/response.htm>
- Students will research the answers to the following questions based on the information found on the site. (Questions will be on a separate page.)
- Teacher will engage the class in discussion of their findings.

Background for subject of lesson

Attached is the transcript of the website so that the teacher may understand the content in advance.

Evidence of Understanding (Assessment of Student Performance: Formative and Summative)

Based on the answers to the questions asked, students will write an essay analyzing the Muslim and Arab communities' responses to the events of 9/11.

OR

Create a multimedia presentation analyzing the Muslim and Arab communities' responses to the events of 9/11

Extension Activities: Taking Action and Giving Service:

Students will compare the statements issued by various humanitarian and peace organizations to those thoughts of Nobel Peace Prize winners and develop a "response plan" to terrorism.

Research Questions:

1. Who authored this website?
2. What were the reactions of Muslim leaders (from around the world) to the events of 9/11?
3. Did any of the above reactions differ? Was there a common thread?
4. What were the opinions voiced concerning acts of terrorism, Islamic law and the Qur'an?
5. Discuss the increase in and types of incidents against Arab and Muslim Americans after 9/11.
6. Identify various groups listed in the website and their positions on terrorism.
7. What is the purpose of this website? What message are the authors promoting?

8. What is the true definition of the word "jihad?"
9. What messages do the pictures on the website send to you?