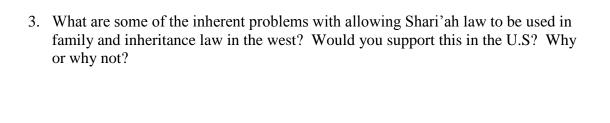
World Religions Shari'ah in a Modern World

One of the most controversial aspects of Islam in the west is the interpretation of Qur'an that asserts that Islamic law [Shari'ah] should be the governing law of societies. Today you will examine this controversy and discuss your opinions on the various ways that Shari'ah is practiced in Muslim countries and in the west. Read the articles and discuss and answer the questions below with your group. [You may use the green U.S. government books to answer question 2]

1.	What are some of the ways in which Shari'ah law is useful in Muslim societies?
	What are some of the ways it is detrimental?

2. Even where Shari'ah law is not strictly practiced, it effects the way secular law is written and applied. Does Jewish and/or Christian law effect the way our laws are written and applied in the west? Give an example.



4. Consider the case of the Oklahoma ban on use of Shari'ah law. Do you think the law should have been deemed unconstitutional by the Federal Court? Why or why not. [Consider the arguments stated in the article.]