

**Citations/ Resources used in the Lessons for the Monticello Teachers Institute:**

**Is Thomas Jefferson Relevant Today?/ Lesson # 1:**

**1. Image of Thomas Jefferson's Koran**

**WEBSITE:**

<https://www.monticello.org/sites/default/files/uploaded-content-images/TrumbullTJ.PNG>

**2. Digital copy of Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence**

**WEBSITE:**

<https://www.monticello.org/site/jefferson/transcript-declaration-independence-final>

**3. Actors reading the Declaration of Independence**

**WEBSITE:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSKOx8DKPIg>

**4. BLACK LIVES MATTER VS. BLUE LIVES MATTER DEBATE:**

**WEBSITES:**

<http://blacklivesmatter.com/about/> (PRO- BLACK LIVES MATTER WEBSITE)

<http://bluelivesmatter.blue/organization/> (PRO- POLICE WEBSITE)

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2015/10/26/black-lives-matter-police-officers-panel-nr.cnn> (Debate between the two groups)

## **5. TRANSGENDER BATHROOM SUPPORTERS VS. THOSE THAT ARE IN OPPOSITION:**

### **WEBSITES**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCyvdl9sCDk>

(President Obama's Executive Order involving Transgender bathrooms in US Public Schools)

<http://fox13now.com/2016/05/13/gov-herbert-we-will-not-hesitate-to-fight-order-on-transgender-students-bathroom-access/> (Utah's Governor's challenge of President Obama's Executive Order on Transgender Bathrooms)

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/05/25/texas-governor-says-state-will-sue-obama-administration-over-bathroom-directive/?utm\\_term=.e299be84b503](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/05/25/texas-governor-says-state-will-sue-obama-administration-over-bathroom-directive/?utm_term=.e299be84b503) (Newspaper article about both sides of this controversial issue involving Transgender bathrooms)

### **Is Thomas Jefferson Relevant Today?/ Lesson # 2:**

#### **1. Picture of Thomas Jefferson's Koran:**

##### **WEBSITE:**

<http://nocompulsion.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/thomas-jefferson-koran.jpg>

#### **2. Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom**

##### **WEBSITE:**

<https://www.monticello.org/site/research-and-collections/virginia-statute-religious-freedom>

**3. Thomas Jefferson's Qur'An: Islam and the Founders by Denise A. Spellberg, 2013, copyright 2013, published in the US by Alfred A. Knoff a division of Random House, New York, New York.**

Description of this book

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00C8S9XP0/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?\\_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1#nav-subnav](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00C8S9XP0/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1#nav-subnav)

**PASSAGE I: (Thomas Jefferson, quoting his influence from the Enlightenment John Locke, 1776)**

[He] says “neither Pagan nor Mahamedan [Muslim] nor Jew ought to be excluded from the civil rights of the Commonwealth because of his religion.”

**Page 3 of the book**

**PASSAGE II: (Thomas Jefferson’s notes on William Salkeld’s Reports on Cases Adjdr’d in the Court of the King’s Bench (1717):**

“Turks and Infidels are not perpetui inimici (enemies for life), nor is there particular Enmity between them and us; but this is a common Error founded on a groundless Opinion of Justice Brook; for tho’ there be a difference between our Religion and theirs, that does not oblige us to be Enemies to their Persons; they are Creatures of God and of the same kind as we are, and it would be a Sin in us to hurt their persons.”

**Page 93 of the book**

**PASSAGE III: (From Thomas Jefferson’s “in Life and Selected Writings”)**

[T]he insertion [of “Jesus Christ”] was rejected by a great majority, in proof that they meant to comprehend, within the mantle of its protection, the Jew and the Gentile, the Christian and Mahometan (Muslim), the Hindoo, and Infidel of every denomination.”

**Page 119 of the book**

**PASSAGE IV:(Taken from a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to James Smith, December 8, 1822, in Life and Selected Congress)**

“I write with freedom, because while I claim a right to believe in one God, if so my reason tells me, i yield as freely to others that believe in three. Both religions, I find, make honest men, and that is the only point society has any right to look to.”

**Page 229 of the book**

**4. Article discussing the debate over Congressman Ellison being sworn in on Jefferson's Koran**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/01/05/AR2007010500512.html>

**5. Video discussing the debate on Congressman Ellison taking the oath on a Koran.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LW2uUxS-eU>

**6. Video of Donald Trump's press conference.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sz0KY-3PbQ>