Qur'an
Recitation Assignment
Due Tuesday, April 18ᵗʰ

<u>Objective:</u>

For this assignment, you will be expected to memorize a section of the Qur'an in Arabic, and write a 300-350-word narrative about the experience. The purpose of this exercise is to think more deeply about different modes of engaging with texts.

The main conceptual question we hope to address through this exercise is this: **how do the acts of attentive listening, enunciating, and performing a text inform our relationship to it?** In your narrative, try to be as specific as possible (rather than make general statements about how this was/was not productive). This will no doubt be a personal account, though the goal is to use that personal experience as a way to address the conceptual question noted above. Do also feel free to point out the enabling and limiting aspects of the experience.

The minimum number of verses to memorize is two (choosing the ambiguous letters at the start of some suras doesn't count!). Some short suras you might want to consider are:

Sura 103, al-Asr - Time (3 verses)
Sura 110, al-Nasr – The Help (3 verses)
Sura 108, al-Kauthar – The River of Paradise (3 verses)
Sura 99, al-Zalzalah - The Earthquake (8 verses)
Sura 105, al-Fil - The Elephant (5 verses)

For the transliteration, go to http://www.islamicity.com/QuranSearch/, select the sura in the chapter index and make sure "show transliteration" is selected.

For the recitation, go to http://tanzil.net, select the sura and reciter. Reciters that might be good for imitation since they use minimal "melody" are: al-Hudhaify and al-Akhdar.

<u>Posting the Recitation and Narrative on the Blog</u>

RECORD THE AUDIO
   1) Set up a sound cloud account and record your audio (you can do this from your computer's built-in microphone and don't need an external one)

EMBED THE AUDIO
   2) Click on the **SHARE** button for your audio file.
   3) A popup window will open: Click on the **EMBED** link at the top of the window.
   4) Check the **WORDPRESS CODE checkbox** to the right of your embed code.
   5) Under **MORE OPTIONS**, change the window size to **300px.**
   6) Now, you are ready to copy the regenerated embed code.

PASTE THE AUDIO AND NARRATIVE ON THE BLOG

7) Once logged into the courseblog, go to "recitation" in the main site menu, select "add recitation." On the resulting Add New Post page, the category "recitation" should be selected.
8) Be sure to enter your name in the title, make sure you are in the "text" mode (there are two tabs, one for visual and one for text)
9) Paste the embed code.
10) Press enter a couple of times then write your narrative in the same box
11) Click "publish"