

**Worksheet for Christiane Gruber's
"A Miniature Qur'an and its Silver Case"**
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(to be used with [video linked here](#))



Key Takeaways:

1. How big is the Qur'an featured in the video? How many folios does it have? How is it bound and decorated?
2. What is a frontispiece? How is it decorated and what text does it contain?
3. When and where was the miniature Qur'an likely made? What indicates this?
4. What is the name of the script used in the miniature Qur'an? What characterizes it? In what other contexts was this type of script used?

5. Where is the case from? What are some of its key features?

6. What do the inscriptions on the case say? What do these indicate about the possible use of this particular miniature Qur'an?

Contextualizing the Work

Dr. Gruber concludes the video by stating that the miniature Qur'an was not just used for reading and prayer but also likely as a talisman. Think of an example either from this class or your life where an object is used beyond its original purpose as a talisman. Compare and contrast it (in terms of size, use, and relationship to original function) with the miniature Qur'an and its silver case discussed in this video.