How to live together?

To live in a peaceful society, we need to respect other people regardless of their nationality, color or religion. For that reason, we should all have the following values:

Equality means treating people in an equal way without any discrimination. The right to equality is based on the fact that human beings are equal in rights and duties.

Solidarity is the integration within a society or a group of people. It consists of helping each other and never making someone feel alone, as the saying goes “One for all, all for one.”
Tolerance is a great value that every human being must have. It is defined as the acceptance of others, regardless of their language, nationality or race. Tolerance achieves peace and security for all societies. It helps spreading love and fraternity.

Justice has many concepts, but we consider that justice may be the achievement of equality between individuals and nations. Each one needs to enjoy her or his rights. We should never discriminate or regard a person in an unjust way. We are all one.

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The Prince of Muslim Travelers

Ibn Battuta is an Amazigh Moroccan traveler who lived in the 14th century. He was known for his trips to many countries that lasted for 28 years. To finance his trips, he worked as a historian, jurist, judge and poet for kings and princes. He started traveling when he was 21 years old. He first visited Mecca for Pilgrimage (religious journey) and from there he went to many countries in Asia, Africa and to Persia and Levant. He crossed about 120,000 km in 44 countries for 28 years. Ibn Battuta became famous when he dictated the adventures of his journey to Mohammed ben Jossi al-Kalbi, who wrote the famous book "A Gift to Those Who Contemplate the Wonders of Cities and the Marvels of Traveling". Later on, Cambridge University titled in its books Ibn Battuta as the Prince of the Muslim travelers.

The biography of Ibn Battuta:

Date and place of birth: He was born on the 24th of February 1304 in Tangier, Morocco.

- His full name: Muhammad Ben Abd Allah Ben Mohamed Al-Lawati, known as Ibn Battuta.
- Occupation: He was a judge, historian and jurist.
- The book about his adventures: "A Gift to Those Who Contemplate the Wonders of Cities and the Marvels of Traveling".
- Date of death and place: 1377 in Tangier.

Ibn Battuta’s Travels:

- Maghreb: Morocco, Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt.
- Levant: Syria, Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon.
- Arabia: Saudi Arabia, Oman, Iraq.
- Asia: Turkmenistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Burma, Maldives, Sri Lanka, China.

Ibn Battuta is considered as a global reference for the history and cultures of other countries in the 14th century through his adventures and travel. Therefore, we believe that everyone should read his books in order to learn about life in the 14th century.

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Women Between the Past and the Present

In our opinion, we think that the role of women in the past was limited to raising their children and taking care of their homes. Women suffered because they lacked a range of rights, including the right to go to school, work and to choose their future.

Today, women have more freedom, they have the right to work and to do everything they want. The situation of women has improved and women are more active in their society, because they have the right to study and work. For instance: in the field of sports, we have Nawal Al Mutawakel, who won a gold medal in the 1984 Olympic Games as the first Arab woman to achieve this title. We have also Bouchra El Bernoussi who was the first Moroccan woman pilot to fly in the Arab world. There is as well Asmaa Boujibar who works in The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Finally, women have been able to work in many different fields, which improved their role in the society. However, more efforts still need to be made to strengthen the role of women. We have to take good care of girls’ education. In rural areas, they are still dropping out of school and marry in an early age or stay at home to help their families.

We hope that the situation of women will be improve in the future through developing their educational status, which will eventually allow them to enjoy all their rights.

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Traffic Safety

We all notice that many students use bikes as a means of transportation. That exposes them to a number of risks on their way to school, like accidents that leave behind many victims every year. According to the recent official statistics of the Ministry of Equipment and Transport in 2016, accidents in Morocco had caused 3793 deaths. That is why we want to explore the factors and reasons behind these deadly accidents.

The human factor:
The main cause of traffic accidents may be a reckless, careless or unqualified driver. Pedestrians may also be the reason by cutting off the road unintentionally and disrespecting pedestrian passages or traffic sings.

The road:
It englobes the poor conditions of roads, sidewalks, lighting and road signs. All these factors can affect the conditions of the traffic. Breaking one of the safety conditions can lead to devastating results.

Vehicles:
Whether cars, motorcycles, buses or trucks, can all cause traffic accidents, if they are not well equipped or there is a technical damage such as lack of lighting or a broken mirror.

External conditions:
For example, when the weather conditions are bad, vision is not clear especially when it is foggy. Heavy rain or snow also can cause dangerous cars slip.

Following are some of the solutions that will help avoid traffic accidents:
- Checking the mechanical conditions of the vehicle
- Organizing awareness campaigns
- Respecting pedestrians’ passages

A car accident case:
"I have witnessed a car accident of a mate in the school. The car’s driver was not paying attention. He was talking on his cell phone. The accident led to the death of our friend. Her family was very sad and sued the driver who ended up in jail."

Our schools should start programs that can raise students’ awareness on the importance of respecting the road code. In Germany safety workshops are provided for primary students and at the end of the workshop, students are offered a symbolic bike-driving license in order to encourage the kids to respect traffic rules. We think our school should do the same.

For these reasons, and to avoid similar accidents, we should respect traffic laws.

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Let's Stop Smoking

We have noticed that smoking is becoming more prevalent in our society, and that conjures up a number of issues. Unfortunately, today we see many children smoking at a very early age starting from 13 years old although they have no idea about its dangers on health.

We have interviewed some smokers, kids and adults aged between 15 and 30 years old. Some of them mentioned that their addiction was due to some family and material problems. Others said that it is because of the careless parents who do not take care of their children. While some argued that they were trying to imitate adults. The interview also concluded that one of the main reasons why kids take up smoking is because of the bad company and the desire to try new things and for thinking that cigarettes can provide strength, energy and comfort.

Although smoking is forbidden in our school, students still find a way to smoke during the break or by skipping some classes.

In the biology and geology class, we studied a topic about smoking in which the teacher explained its serious damages. After that class, many students quit smoking. Our school should also organize campaigns to sensitize about the dangers of this bad issue and encourage students to practice sports, and avoid the bad company.

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The health damages of smoking:
- Cancer
- High blood pressure
- Pneumonia and asthma
- Feeling tired and anxious

Health damages of smoking:
- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Lung disease
- Pregnancy complications
Our Future Goals

Dounia, 13 years: I want to be a professor.
Fatima Ezzahrae, 13 years: I want to work with the scientific police.
Abdessalam, 14 years: I want to be an engineer.
Hatim, 13 years: I want to be a policeman.
Abdelghani, 13 years: I want to be a psychiatrist.
Soukaina, 13 years: I want to be a pediatrician.
Sana, 16 years: I want to be a fashion model.

Chaima, 16 years: I want to be an accountant.
Mariam, 13 years old: I want to be a singer.
Khalil, 16 years: I want to be a soccer player.
Noura, 14 years old: I want to be a flight attendant.

Fatima Zahra, 13 years: I want to be a journalist.
Zineb, 14 years: I want to be a policeman.
Mehdi, 18 years: I want to be an Imam of a mosque.
Nouhaila, 14 years: I want to be a director of a company.
Ismail, 13 years: I want to be a pilot.
Oussama, 13 years: I want to be a doctor.
Mehdi, 13 years: I want to be a policeman.

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Let’s Protect Trees

The environment is everything surrounding us, like soil, oceans, air and forests. However, there are some problems facing the environment, such as pollution - because of the smoke of factories and the garbage thrown in the streets, which affects the environment and also covers up the beautiful view of trees.

In our region, we see that many people are cutting down trees for many reasons, including making coal, domestic use and construction of houses. What we do not know is that trees are very important in our environment because they produce oxygen, absorb carbon dioxide and help the soil by reducing drifting. Also, the falling leaves help in reducing the soil temperature and moisture. Trees are important for the environmental circle and provide us with fruits; therefore, they are important for both humans and animals.

Solutions for the conservation of trees:
- Protect trees
- Preventing people from cutting trees, and set a law that protects them
- Organize campaigns to plant trees in order to preserve them
- Educate people about the importance of trees
- Use solar energy instead of coal.

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