WORLD RELIGIONS PROJECT

Our first major project of the year will be a combination of using technology (Powerpoint), in-depth research and looking at world religions from a global perspective. Once you have researched one of the world’s major religions, you will then create a Powerpoint presentation that shows how the religion has changed over time. You are NOT simply giving a presentation on the history of the religion. Your choice of turning points to include must be significant.

When assessing the major shifts of global religions, you will want to ask yourself a few key questions as a guideline:

- How was the religion originally practiced? What were some of the key beliefs that can be traced to original scriptures and texts at the religion’s inception?
- Was there more than one turning point for a major religion? What are some key events that changed how the religion was practiced by followers? What are some key decisions made by the followers/leaders of the religion that may have changed the original intent and practices of the founder?
- What were some of the wider consequences once those changes were in place? Were there key changes as the religion spread from one place to another?
- How does the religion stand now? If the original founder of the religion were to evaluate how the religion is practiced today, would they recognize it?

REQUIREMENTS:

- Your presentation must reflect a clear understanding of the religion’s basic beliefs and practices.
- Your presentation must reflect at least three key snapshots – ie: the origin, the major/ key turning points, the present.
- Your presentation should include visuals that also reflect the changes of the religion. Consider including art, primary leaders, architecture
- Your presentation should be 20-25 minutes long – it cannot be longer!

RELIGION YOU ARE RESEARCHING: ____________________________________________

You need to pass in an electronic copy of the project (ie: burn onto a C D ) or another method (email to angela_a_lee@ yahoo.com). I am planning to get these online so that you can look at them more closely for the follow-up essay and as a way to review later in the year!
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Criteria
(100 points)

CRITERIA FOR POWERPOINT (75 points)

1) Content: accurate information? Shows depth of understanding? Acknowledges significant and key turning points of the religion? (30 points)

2) Visuals: deliberate and thoughtful choices of visuals? Reflective of key shifts in religion? (15 points)

3) Organization/Layout of slides: logical organization of slides? Thoughtful progression? Neat and readable text? (10 points)

4) Research: reveals solid research? Proper bibliography included in last slide(s)? (10 points)

5) Use of Media: effective use and set up of PowerPoint? (10 points)

PRESENTATION (25 points)
Do you use all the qualities of a good verbal presentation (ie: articulate words, good pacing, etc.) Do you use your PowerPoint in an effective manner during your presentation? Do you show a good understanding of your religion through answering questions?

TIME FRAME and DUE DATES
Wed, 10/4: Intro to Project (A-block); Thurs, 10/5: Intro to Project (C-block)
Fri, 10/6: Library and planning time (1/2 period)
Thursday, Oct. 26 (Day 4): Start of presentations of World Religion Projects
TBD: Change Over Time essay on a World Religion DUE (after presentations)