

Religion 11: World Religions

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Required Texts

World Religions, A Voyage of Discovery, second edition, Jeffrey Brodd, 2003, St. Mary's Press.

Various articles distributed in class.

Required Materials

Supply of college ruled white paper.

Black or blue pens (no pencils).

Course Description

This course will explore the concept of religion as well as various religious traditions throughout the world including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam. Students will first examine several aspects of religion in general and how these aspects are operative in the specific religions selected for study. The course will cover some of the historical significance of the major religions and also introduce students to themes and issues which are particularly significant for members of these religions today. The students will pay particular attention to the place and treatment of female members and specifically the role of women in these groups today.

Course Goals

As a result of this course the student will:

- Understand the concept of religion, its origin and history.
- Gain a better understanding and appreciation of various religions.
- Know the main teachings, ethical codes, leaders, deities, sacred places and events related to the religions.
- Understand the benefits of religious diversity.
- Know and understand the historical development and social and political implications of each to the religions studied.
- Identify and explain some similarities and unique characteristics and beliefs among the religions.

Grading and Assessment

Breakdown of Points

Homework and class work:	30%
Quizzes and tests:	30%
Projects and Papers:	25%
Final exam:	15%

Grading Policies

Assignments, quizzes and tests missed due to an excused absence are due no later than 2 days after you return to class. If you know that you will be absent during the time of a quiz or test you must make arrangements to take the test prior to your absence. Late papers and projects will be marked down one grade for each day late. Late papers and projects will not be accepted more than 2 days after the original due date. Late homework will be marked down one point for each day late and will not be accepted more than 2 days after the original due date. Academic work that is the result of plagiarism, copying or cheating in any form will not be accepted by the teacher and will result in a disciplinary referral.

Behavior Expectations

All students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to HNHS behavior norms and contributes to a cooperative learning environment. Please abide by the following behavior expectations.

1. Treat others with respect.
2. Be in your seat when the bell rings with all books and materials ready for class.
3. Raise your hand to speak or for permission to leave your seat.
4. Stay focused on your work, (individual work, partner work, group work, class discussion, lecture).
5. Refrain from personal grooming, eating, chewing gum, and drinking soft drinks in class, (water bottles are permitted).
6. No electronic devices – I-pods, cell phones, cameras, etc.

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Please sign and return to Ms. Creson no later than Monday, August 18, 2008.

I have read the course expectations and agree to the policies and expectations described above. My signature acknowledges that I will support these goals and work with the teacher to have a successful semester.

Student Name (please print) _____ Block: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Contact Information

Please complete the information below and check how you would like me to contact you to discuss your daughter's progress, if needed.

_____ Home Phone: _____

_____ Work Phone: _____

_____ E-mail: _____