

A Student's Guide to Religious Studies

Hello all! This semester, we will be studying various religions from both Eastern and Western cultures in our class **Religious Studies**. Specifically, we will be studying how the different faiths developed, what they believe and practice, and how they worship.

Each week, we will take on a new series of questions addressing the topics above. You will write one single page response addressing the questions given for that week, using sources provided by your instructor. Your responses should be thoughtful, but remember to enjoy your research and writing. Our aim for this class is not merely to educate ourselves, but to discover what each one of us believes on our own.

On the dates listed below, you will find due dates for “posters.” On those dates, you will turn in a poster or poster board that demonstrates your findings for the religion we have most recently studied. Visually, the poster should clearly demonstrate where in the world the religion has spread and depict some of the religion’s cultural heritage (for instance, you may include dress, food, or places of worship). Other information included on your poster board can be any of the findings in your written responses. Ultimately, your poster board should demonstrate your understanding of the religion that we have studied together. Have fun with it and be creative!

Below, you will find a break down of our semester from start to finish:

September 3: Introduction to Religious Studies

Sep 9-23: Christianity. Poster due on the 23rd.

Sep 30-Oct 14: Judaism. Poster due on the 14th.

Oct 21-Nov 4: Islam. Poster due on the 4th.

Nov 11-18: Hindi. Poster due on the 18th.

Dec.2: Sikhism

Dec. 9:Buddhism

Dec. 16: “What do you think?” Present a poster on what religion you find the most compelling based on what we’ve learned in class and what you’ve learned on your own.