

Course: World Religions		Unit 1: Introduction to Religions		Teacher: Jacob Fink			
Goals (Essential Questions)		Objectives		Content		Assessment	
What is truth?		List some things you know to be true and how you know they are true.		Excerpt from <i>Desiring the Kingdom</i> by James K. A. Smith		Written Reflection	
		Discuss the difference between “big T” and “little t” truth.		Philosophy Background			
		Discuss what mainstream society defines as truth.					
How do we know what we know?		Discuss the different ways you access knowledge.		“Telestration” Interpretation activity		Epistemology Research Notes	
		Explain how interpretation works.					
		Interpret the article about “Epistemology” on the <i>Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> .					
How are all worldview related?		Describe the basic questions that every worldview seeks to answer.				Flow Chart	
		Create a flow chart that maps out the construction of a worldview					
How do religions come into existence?		Discuss the difference between a religion, sect, and movement.		Religious History Powerpoint		World Religions Geography Project	
		Describe some of the well-known movements in American society.		Geography Project Example			
		Discuss the difference/similarity between a religion and a worldview.					

Course: World Religions		Unit 2: Monotheistic Religions		Teacher: Jacob Fink			
Goals (Essential Questions)		Objectives		Content		Assessment	
What are the basic tenets of Judaism?		Create a timeline outlining the history of Judaism.		<i>Encounters In Faith</i> by Peter Feldmeier (Chapter 4)		Feldmeier Reading Notes	
		Describe Jewish law and what practices are still expected among Orthodox Jews.				Reading Quiz	
Where does Judaism base truth?		Discuss the Jewish interpretation of the Old Testament.		Excerpts from the Old Testament			
How does Judaism answer the basic questions from our first unit?		Diagram the similarities/differences between Judaism and Christianity.		Judaism Powerpoint Lecture			
		Make a presentation that teaches the class about a festival in the Jewish practice.				Jewish Festival Presentation	
What are the Five Pillars of Islam?		Make a diagram outlining the Five Pillars		<i>Encounters in Faith</i> (Chapter 5)		Feldmeier Reading Notes	
		Discuss the role of practice in the Muslim faith.				Reading Quiz	
How does Islam answer the basic questions?		Discuss the Koran and how it functions in relation to the Bible.		Excerpts from the Koran			
		Explain the role of Muhammad and the title as prophet in the broader World Religion context.				Islam Powerpoint Lecture	
What is the history of conflict between Islam and Judaism?		Discuss the Crusades and the idea of “Holy Land”.		Video on Religious Conflict		Unit Exam	

Course: World Religions	Unit 3: Eastern Religions - Part 1	Teacher: Jacob Fink	
Goals (Essential Questions)	Objectives	Content	Assessment
<p>What are the basic tenets of Buddhism?</p> <p>How has tradition played a role in the practices of Buddhism?</p>	<p>Describe the Four Noble Truths</p> <p>Describe the Eightfold Path</p> <p>Discuss the history of Buddhism</p> <p>Illustrate the initial encounter for Siddhartha Gautama</p>	<p><i>Encounters in Faith</i> (Chapter 7)</p> <p>Buddhism Powerpoint</p>	<p>Feldmeier Reading Notes</p> <p>Reading Quiz</p> <p>Buddha Illustration</p>
<p>What are the basic tenets of Hinduism?</p> <p>How does the caste system integrate into society?</p> <p>How does Hindu worship style compare to other religions?</p> <p>How does the idea of “self”play a role in these religions?</p>	<p>Describe the Four Paths</p> <p>Chart the major practices of Hinduism</p> <p>List the major Hindu gods</p> <p>Explain the caste system</p> <p>Compare and Contrast monotheism and polytheism</p>	<p><i>Encounters in Faith</i> (Chapter 6)</p> <p>Hinduism Powerpoint</p> <p>Hinduism Research</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Feldmeier Reading Notes</p> <p>Reading Quiz</p> <p>Hindu Gods Presentation</p> <p>Vocabulary Quiz</p> <p>Mono/Poly Diagram</p> <p>Unit Exam</p>

Goals (Essential Questions)

Objectives

Content

Assessment

What are the basic tenets of Confucianism?

- Describe the basic virtues
- Analyze the writings of Confucius
- Develop your own Confucius sayings

Encounters in Faith (Chapter 9)

Confucius Life Sayings Activity

Feldmeier Reading Notes

Reading Quiz

How does Confucianism view human nature?

Discuss the role of Confucianism throughout China’s history

Confucianism Powerpoint

Confucius Sayings

How does Confucianism relate with society?

- Discuss the role of virtues in society
- Describe the source of truth for Confucianism

Chinese Confucian Society Project

What are the basic tenets of Taoism?

- Describe the role of relationships in Taoism
- Interpret the role of meditation in Taoist practice

Taoism Powerpoint

Selections of Star Wars

What is reality in Taoism?

- Discuss the concept of time in Taoism
- Deconstruct the relationship between Star Wars and Taoism

Discussion of reality

Written Reflection

Unit Exam

Goals (Essential Questions)

Objectives

Content

Assessment

What is the role of religion?

How do these religions compare/contrast?

Which religion is most appealing to you (apart from Christianity)?

What are the threads that tie these religions together?

Discuss religion as it pertains to modern American society

Analyze how we use this knowledge as Christians

Explain how these religions are connected philosophically

Encounters in Faith (Chapter 12)

Final Powerpoint

Feldmeier Reading Notes

Written Response

Final Exam