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Social Studies
World Religions and Philosophies
PowerPoint Presentation

Religions and Philosophies Around the World

In small groups you will work together to create a 10-12 slide *PowerPoint* presentation on one of the following religions or philosophies: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. Each group member will be given a specific role: **Researcher, Computer Tech, and Presenter.**

Research

You will use two class days in the library to do your research. Research is highly encouraged outside class time as well. The **Researcher** will lead the group in deciding what topics to research. You will use books and the computer to do your research. Each group must include in your sources **at least two books and two Websites.** The last slide of your presentation will be a sources slide that will include all sources used in your research (books, encyclopedias, Websites). Refer to *Classroom Connect's* Website <http://www.classroom.com/community/connection/howto/citeresources.jhtml> for the proper way to cite sources.

Topics to research

- Basic Teachings, Belief System
- Leaders/Prophets
- Sacred Documents
- Worship and Prayer
- Holy Cities
- Places of Pilgrimage
- Symbols
- A map of the spread of the religion/philosophy from its origin to the present
- Data to make a graph using Excel
- Other interesting information (myths, stories, calendars, branches, holidays, festivals, etc.)

Websites

ThinkQuest- <http://library.thinkquest.org/28505/inde.html>

FactMonster- <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0772923.html>

Study Web- <http://www.studyweb.com>

Yahooligans Directory- http://www.yahooligans.com/School_Bell/Social_Studies/Religion/

Virtual Religion Index- <http://religion.rutgers.edu/vri/index.html>

Eastern Religions- <http://www.easternreligions.com>

Putting Together PowerPoint Presentation

First design a storyboard for your presentation. Once your teacher has approved the storyboard the **Computer Tech** will be the leader in putting the presentation together on the computer. The slide show will include between **10-12 slides** including a **title slide** and a **sources slide**. Follow along with the guidelines "Making a Good PowerPoint Presentation" while creating the presentation.

Oral Presentations

Once the *PowerPoint* presentation on the computer is complete it is the main job of the **Presenter** to lead the group in preparing their oral presentation to the class. Each member of the group must be a part of the oral presentation. The group must be prepared to answer questions from your audience on the topic being presented.