World Religions 2nd Semester 2020

**Socratic Seminar #1 on Judaism**

**Overview:**

Remember that 30% of your 2nd Semester Grade is based on 3 'Socratic Seminars' this semester (1st on Judaism; 2nd on Christianity; 3rd on Islam) . Our first Seminar on Judaism will be on **Thursday March 27th for A-Day and Friday March 28th For B-Day .** You will have the entire class on Tuesday and Wednesday before to work on your seminar notes.

½ of your grade will be 'Prepared Notes' based on this handout; ½ your grade will be "Participation' based on the Seminar Rubric.

**'Prepared Notes' Directions:**

½ of your grade is your "Prepared Notes' that you must upload to CANVAS before our seminar class meets or you will lose 1 letter grade for each day late.

You will see below that you do not have to write a long essay this time. (ONLY IB STUDENTS HAVE AN EXTRA PAPER 1 TO WRITE!) Instead you will do some short readings and write some short bullet point notes to prepare to talk in the seminar.

**Specific Questions for Prepared Notes:**

1. **On my website** open "Week 8 Smith Text on Judaism Part 1". Read pages 180-181 Intro & "Meaning in God". Write down here 2 Different Main Ideas you see in these pages. Also write down your own personal thoughts about these ideas: do you agree, disagree, why?
2. Open "Week 8 Smith Text on Judaism Part 1". Read pages 182-184 "Meaning in Creation". Write down here 2 Different Main Ideas you see in these pages. Also write down your own personal thoughts about these ideas: do you agree, disagree, why?
3. Open "Week 8 Smith Text on Judaism Part 1". Read page 185 "Meaning in Human Existence". Write down here 1 Main Idea you see in these pages. Also write down your own personal thoughts about these ideas: do you agree, disagree, why?
4. Open "Week 9 Smith Text on Judaism Part 2". Read pages 186 "Meaning in History". Write down here 1 Main Idea you see in these pages. Also write down your own personal thoughts about these ideas: do you agree, disagree, why?
5. Open "Week 9 Smith Text on Judaism Part 2". Read pages 188 "Meaning in Morality". Write down here 1 Main Idea you see in these pages. Also write down your own personal thoughts about these ideas: do you agree, disagree, why?
6. Open "Week 9 Smith Text on Judaism Part 3". Read pages 192-194 "Meaning in Suffering". Write down here 2 Different Main Ideas you see in these pages. Also write down your own personal thoughts about these ideas: do you agree, disagree, why?
7. Open "Week 9 Smith Text on Judaism Part 3". Read pages 195-199 "Meaning in Messianism" and "Revelation". Write down here 2 Different Main Ideas you see in these pages. Also write down your own personal thoughts about these ideas: do you agree, disagree, why?
8. Open "Week 9 Smith Text on Judaism Part 3". Read pages 202-203 "Israel". Write down here 2 Different Main Ideas you see in these pages. Also write down your own personal thoughts about these ideas: do you agree, disagree, why?

**NOW JUST WRITE SOME BULLET POINTS OF KEY WORDS/MAIN IDEAS YOU WILL DISCUSS for the FOLLOWING QUESTIONS during the seminar in class:**

1. Hou would Judaism answer big question #1: WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?
2. How would Judaism answer big question #2: WHAT IS GOD? HOW CAN YOU KNOW GOD?
3. How would Judaism answer big question #3: WHAT IS DEATH? HOW CAN YOU UNDERSTAND DEATH?
4. How is Judaism similar to one other religion we have studied so far?
5. How is Judaism different from one other religion we have studied so far?

FOR NON-IB STUDENTS YOU ARE NOW FINISHED! UPLOAD YOUR NOTES TO THESE 13 QUESTIONS to CANVAS BEFORE WE MEET FOR OUR IN-CLASS SEMINAR. Be prepared to discuss all these questions during the seminar.

FOR IB-STUDENTS YOU ARE NOT DONE YET….YOU MUST ANSWER THE IB EXAM PAPER #1 PRACTICE QUESTION BELOW as part of your Seminar Grade. Write your answer here.

BEFORE YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION MAKE SURE YOU READ OUR TEXTBOOK "Invitation to World Religions" PAGES 410-413 about Prayer!!

IB EXAM PAPER #1 PRACTICE (for IB-Students Only!)

**Directions: Read the following primary document excerpt and answer the two questions:**

*“Hear, O Israel! Adonai is our God! Adonai is One!”*

**Question #1: (3points) What is the significance of the above statement in Judaism?**

**Question #2 (7 points) How do Jews use Holy Scripture as part of practicing their faith?**