**World Religions Independent Project**

**Honors-Level Students**

**Overview:** 30% of your overall grade for the second semester is 1 Independent Project. The purpose is for you to explore something you are interested in related to spirituality, health, philosophy, or religion. Part of your grade is that you READ about your topic. Part of your grade is that you CREATE something about your topic and PRESENT it to the class.

**Grade Breakdown:**

**10% Research Notetracking Sheet:** Use the sheet on my website called "Week 1 Research Notetracking Sheet". Put this sheet in your google homework folder in your sub independent project folder and continue to add to it this semester. Follow the directions on the sheet, but essentially you are keeping a record of all your reading and research for this project. Every time you read for this project you must document it on your notetracking sheet for 10% of your grade.

**10% Final Project:** You must produce some sort of 'final project' related to your independent topic. You may write a traditional research paper if you want. Or you may produce something else more creative, such as an art piece, a comic book, a mural poster, etc.

**10% Final Presentation:** You must give a 10-minute presentation to the class about your independent topic. Your presentation must include some visuals to accompany your "speech" such as a PPT, Prezi, etc.

**SPECIAL NOTE**: If you want (and I recommend this option) you can combine the "project" and "presentation" grade together and just make **1 VIDEO for 20%.** Then you just show your video to the class.

**EXAMPLES:** Let's look at some examples from past Honors-students' independent projects:

1. Let's look at a student's 1 VIDEO about The Science behind Meditation & Mindfulness:

Click on my website "**Hall of Fame**" then click on "**LINK TO JASMINE D MOVIE for World Religions on MINDFULNESS"**

1. **Here are some other sample student topics and projects from last year….**
2. Comparing sacred music in Christianity vs. Buddhism- project was a presentation of different worship music PLUS an original recording piece of music!
3. Chinese Medicine and Taoism- project included visits with Chinese medicine doctor
4. Learning Sanskrit
5. Learning Tibetan
6. Different types of Yoga- project included a personal yoga video and journal
7. Different types of meditation- project included a personal meditation journal
8. Different Taoist Temples in Taiwan- project included visits and interviews at temples
9. Comparing the teachings of Jesus and Buddha
10. Rastafarianism and the music of Bob Marley
11. An exploration of agnosticism vs. atheism
12. Shinto religion in Japan
13. Wiccan (Witch) Religion and Practice- project included some Wiccan ritual demonstrations
14. The use of ART in Tibetan Buddhism- project included an 'artistic' presentation of the Tibetan Book of the Dead
15. Egyptian mythology
16. The religion and practice of Voodoo in Haiti

**General Calendar:**

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| **Jan 6/7**  **Day 1** | 1. Find your topic 2. Start finding some sources 3. YOU MUST FIND 1 BOOK TO READ approved by Mr C |
| **Jan**  **8/9**  **Day 2** | 1. Find your topic 2. Start finding sources 3. YOU MUST FIND 1 BOOK TO READ approved by Mr C 4. START READING and NOTETRACKING! |
| **Jan 10/13**  **Day 3** | 1. Find your topic 2. Start finding sources 3. YOU MUST FIND 1 BOOK TO READ approved by Mr C 4. START READING and NOTETRACKING! |
| **Jan 14/15**  **Day 4** | 1. You MUST HAVE your 1 BOOK by now 2. You must have 3-4 other sources by now 3. CONTINUE READING and NOTETRACKING |
| **Jan 16/17**  **Day 5** | 1. PROJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE TODAY   1 Book + 4 other sources |
| **Jan 20/21**  **Day 6** | 1. Continue reading & notetracking your 1 bookAND other sources 2. Discuss your ideas for project and presentation |
| **Jan 22/23**  **Day 7** | 1. Continue reading & notetracking your 1 book AND other sources 2. Finalize your ideas for project and presentation |
| **FEBRUARY -**  **MARCH-** | 1. Every week continue to read your book and other sources 2. Every week document this on your Research Notetracking Sheet 3. Start working on your final project/presentation OR 1 MOVIE |
| **APRIL** | 1. FINISH your READING and NOTETRACKING 2. FINISH YOUR FINAL PROJECT or MOVIE |
| **May 1/4** | 1. Finish the final touches on your FINAL PROJECT or MOVIE |
| **May 5/6** | **YOUR RESEARCH NOTE TRACKING SHEET is DUE TODAY**  **FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS- Group 1** |
| **May 7/8** | **FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS- Group 2** |
| **May 11/12** | **FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS- Group 3** |
| **May 13/14** | **FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS- Group 4** |