**World Religions Independent Project**

**Non-Honors Level Students**

**Overview:** For the first month of second semester your only responsibility for class is to work on and complete your independent project. This will be all you work on in every class time and your only homework.

Since you are taking this class Non-Honors Level you should have NO HOMEWORK for this project. You should be able to complete ALL your work during class time for this project. In addition, you do NOT have to present your project to the class.

Non-honors level students are only expected to read and research about an independent topic AND write a "report" of what they learned due on February 13th.

So your first task is to find an "independent project" that you are interested in reading 2 books about. It can be anything related to this class and its themes: religion, philosophy, "the big questions", art, music, world cultures, etc. You need to find and read 2 academic books related to your final independent topic.

**Grade Breakdown:**

**15% 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 month. 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 15% of your grade.

**15% Final Report:** Honors-level students are required to do both a final project and final class presentation. However, non-honors level students do NOT have to do a final project and presentation. Instead, you only must complete a "final report" about what your learned about your independent topic. This will be like writing a 90-minute long final exam essay. It is NOT a research paper. You will just summarize what you learned about your topic in a "book-report" style.

**General Calendar:**

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| **Jan 9**  **Day 1** | 1. Discuss with Mr. C your interests for this independent project 2. Start looking for 2 academic books on your topic 3. If you have your 2 academic books- start reading them & do notetracking sheet 4. If you don't have your 2 academic books- find them! |
| **Jan**  **11**  **Day 2** | 1. Discuss with Mr. C your interests for this independent project 2. Continue looking for 2 academic books on your topic 3. If you have your 2 academic books- start reading them & do notetracking sheet 4. If you don't have your 2 academic books- find them! |
| **Jan 15**  **Day 3** | 1. Discuss with Mr. C your interests for this independent project 2. Continue looking for 2 academic books on your topic 3. If you have your 2 academic books- start reading them & do notetracking sheet 4. If you don't have your 2 academic books- find them! |
| **Jan 17**  **Day 4** | 1. Continue reading your 2 academic books & do notetracking sheet |
| **Jan 21**  **Day 5** | 1. Continue reading your 2 academic books & do notetracking sheet |
| **Jan 23**  **Day 6** | 1. Continue reading your 2 academic books & do notetracking sheet |
| **Jan 25**  **Day 7** | 1. Continue reading your 2 academic books & do notetracking sheet |
| **Jan 29**  **Day8** | 1. Work on your "final report" in class |
| **Jan 31**  **Day 9**  **IASAS--Jan 30-Feb 2** | 1. Work on your "final report" in class |
|  | **CNY Break--No school and no homework for all** |
| **Feb 11**  **Day 10** | 1. Work on your "final report" in class |
| **Feb 13**  **Day 11** | **YOUR FINAL REPORT is DUE TODAY in Class!** |