

History of World Religions

Teacher: Boland

Credit: (1cr. - Full Year)

Course Description:

This course explores how Religion is a system of beliefs, practices, moral values, and rituals that people use to understand life, the universe, and humanity's place in it. It also examines how religions often address questions such as: Why are we here? What is right and wrong? What happens after death?

Religions usually include sacred texts, traditions, ethical teachings, rituals, and communities of believers. The course will explore the chronological emergence of various faith systems throughout the world. Introduction to world religions will involve analyses of these faith systems and assessment will come through such means as class discussions, Google slide presentations, comparative essays, APA format research papers and essay tests.

Standards Assessed:

Historical Understanding

Cultural & Geographic Literacy

Comparative Analysis

Civic & Ethical Understanding

Critical Thinking & Source Analysis

Communication Skills

Topic Outline:

Unit 1 = Early nature-based faith systems

Unit 2 = Hinduism

Unit 3 = Shintoism

Unit 4 = Judaism

Unit 5 = Taoism

Unit 6 = Buddhism

Unit 7 = Christianity

Unit 8 = Islam

