

Religious Features Activity

Choose one of the following activities to complete. You may work individually or in groups of 2-4 (NO larger than 4).

1. Create a religion from scratch. Be as creative as you want, but try to include various features common to actual religions.
2. Find one or two people who have a different religion from you. Find as many similarities between the two (or three) religions as you can. Is it possible that they are essentially the same and the language is the only difference? Or are they mutually exclusive (you must choose one or the other because they are so different.)
3. Go to the library and find 3-4 books about different religions. Look at the table of contents (or skim through the books) and try to identify the most important features of each one. Create a table or chart. Also, note how many books are available for each religion.
4. Make a list of all the different activities, behaviors, expectations, etc. that are a part of your own religion. Then prioritize that list, putting the most important ones at the top. Be sure to distinguish between things that are unique to religions (tithing, praying) and things that are common to non-religious beliefs (giving to charity, etc)