

Scarsdale High School
World History I
Mr. Healy
Religion Research Paper

Understanding religion has often been critical to fully understanding the people and events of the past that have shaped our world. This continues into the present day. It is by educating ourselves on the origins of these religious traditions that we can understand the complexities of many issues and conflicts facing the world today.

Your task is to develop, research and present a specific aspect of a major religious tradition (or two) with a focus on recent trends. Your paper may address issues of religion's effect on societies, economies or politics. The religious traditions we have studied include Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Confucianism, Taoism, Christianity and Islam. The paper should ultimately be 5 to 7 pages in length.

Research component: You should use multiple types of resources to fully address the task which will be described to you in our days spent at the library. You will be required to use at least six scholarly sources drawn from either print material or periodicals/articles. Internet sources are additionally acceptable, but must be scholarly and legitimate.

Source component: You will need to incorporate appropriate in-text citations and/or footnotes as will be discussed and practiced in class.

Important dates:

Paper assigned: Tuesday April 22

Research days: April 28 through May 5

Initial proposal due (5 points): The end of class Thursday May 1

Research findings and meeting (15 points/5 points): Friday May 9 and any free time between Wednesday May 7 and Friday May 16

Paper outline (10 points): Friday May 16

Final paper (Rubric w/ point breakdown to come): Wednesday May 28

A scattering of ideas: Schools, government types, conflicts, social inequality, gender rights, recent historical events, modernization of religion, families, political rights and freedoms.