

Avanti Trust PRE Curriculum

Exercise Sheet 7.1.4a

Project Specifications: “World Religions Research”

In your group, you have about one hour (over two lessons) to answer five questions. You will have to present answers to the whole class in 4 minutes. You can present your answers either (1) as a poster, or (2) using a computer.

In preparing, you should try to answer all questions. In your presentation to class, you may not have time to present all answers; teacher will tell you which ones.

Before you start: please read more instructions on page 2 (only the one for your group). Also see the website links at the bottom of that page.

Question 1: When did this religion start? Where? Who started it?

You already have most answers from your homework (refer to completed Worksheet 7.1.3a “Six Religions Overview”),

Question 2: What are the main teachings (beliefs)?

Write down three; explain one in more detail (in 1-3 sentences)

Question 3: What are the main *practices*?

Write down at least three; explain one in more detail (in 1-3 sentences)

Question 4: Inside your specified religion, what are the main denominations (groups)?

List only between 2 and 4 (depending on your religion)

Question 5: Choose one other main religion (in addition to your own).

What is similar and different between the two religions, as linked to (a) belief in the afterlife? (b) food and diet?

You will need to mention (a) resurrection and reincarnation; heaven and hell.
(b) rules about food and vegetarianism.

Here are some more tips and instructions for each group:

Hinduism Group:

Tip on Question 1: Try to work out carefully when and how Hinduism started!

Buddhism Group:

Tip on Question 2: You must mention the 'four noble truths'; explain what they are

Sikhism Group:

Tip on Question 3: Include the 'Five Ks' (as just one practice); list the five items Sikhs wear

Judaism Group:

Tip on Question 5: Mention and explain the word 'kosher'.

Christianity Group:

Tip on Question 4: One main denomination is 'Orthodox'. Please find out two more

Islam Group:

Tip on Question 3: List five practices called 'the five pillars' of Islam.

Chaitanya Vaishnavism Group:

Tip on Question 5: You must choose 'Hinduism', and say how Chaitanya Vaishnavism is the same as other Hindu groups, and how it is different.

Useful Websites:

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