Religions and Philosophies Around the World

In small groups you will work together to create a 10-12 slide PowerPoint presentation on one of the following religions or philosophies: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. Each group member will be given a specific role: Researcher, Computer Tech, and Presenter.

Research

You will use two class days in the library to do your research. Research is highly encouraged outside class time as well. The Researcher will lead the group in deciding what topics to research. You will use books and the computer to do your research. Each group must include in your sources at least two books and two Websites. The last slide of your presentation will be a sources slide that will include all sources used in your research (books, encyclopedias, Websites). Refer to Classroom Connect's Website http://www.classroom.com/community/connection/howto/citeresources.jhtml for the proper way to cite sources.

Topics to research
• Basic Teachings, Belief System
• Leaders/Prophets
• Sacred Documents
• Worship and Prayer
• Holy Cities
• Places of Pilgrimage
• Symbols
• A map of the spread of the religion/philosophy from its origin to the present
• Data to make a graph using Excel
• Other interesting information (myths, stories, calendars, branches, holidays, festivals, etc.)

Websites
ThinkQuest- http://library.thinkquest.org/28505/inde.html


Study Web- http://www.studyweb.com


Eastern Religions- http://www.easternreligions.com
Putting Together PowerPoint Presentation

First design a storyboard for your presentation. Once your teacher has approved the storyboard the Computer Tech will be the leader in putting the presentation together on the computer. The slide show will include between 10-12 slides including a title slide and a sources slide. Follow along with the guidelines "Making a Good PowerPoint Presentation" while creating the presentation.

Oral Presentations

Once the PowerPoint presentation on the computer is complete it is the main job of the Presenter to lead the group in preparing their oral presentation to the class. Each member of the group must be a part of the oral presentation. The group must be prepared to answer questions from your audience on the topic being presented.