# World Belief Systems Project
## (75 Points)



## CRITERIA FOR SWAY PRESENTATION (40 points)

1) <u>Content:</u> Accurate information? Shows depth of understanding? Acknowledges **significant turning points** of belief system? Is the content historical and objective? (25 points)

2) <u>Visuals:</u> Deliberate and thoughtful choices of visuals? Reflective of key shifts in belief system? (15 points)

3) <u>Organization and Layout:</u> Logical and thoughtful progression? Neat and readable? Are there spelling mistakes? (5 points)

4) <u>Research:</u> Reveals solid research? **Proper bibliography** included? (5 points)

## PRESENTATION (20 points)

1) Do you use of all of the qualities of a good verbal presentation (i.e.: articulate words, good pacing, eye contact with audience, etc.)

2) Do you use your slide show in an effective manner to convey the proper information during the presentation?

3) Are you able to answer questions and clarify for the class if they do not understand?

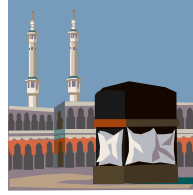4) Do you read the presentation to the class or are you active and engaged?

## VISUAL (15 points)

1) Are the major beliefs of the belief system clearly depicted?

2) Are images and icons of historical relevance and are they accurately displayed?

3) Is the visual neat and orderly?

## TIME FRAME and DUE DATES
Presentations begin

# *World Belief Systems Project*

Our first major project of the year will be a combination of technology (you will be using Microsoft Sway), and in-depth research to look at analyze the development of a particular world belief system. Once you have completed your research, you will then create a presentation using Microsoft Sway that shows the basic tenets and practices, as well as how the belief system has **changed over time.** *You are NOT simply giving a presentation on the history of the belief system.* **<u>3 key turning points, or shifts in practice/ideology, must be included in presentation and discussed.</u>**

When assessing the major shifts of global belief systems, you will want to ask yourself a few key questions as a guideline:

- ❖ How was the belief system originally practiced?  What were some of the key beliefs that can be traced to original scriptures or texts at inception?
- ❖ What are some key decisions made by the followers/leaders of the religion that may have changed the original intent and practices of the founder?
- ❖ What were the causes and consequences as the belief system spread form one place to another?
- ❖ How does the belief system stand now? If the original founder of the religion were to evaluate how the religion is practiced today, would they recognize it?

<u>REQUIREMENTS:</u>

- ❖ Presentation must reflect a clear understanding of the belief systems' basic beliefs and practices.
- ❖ Presentation must reflect key snapshots – i.e.:  the origin, the major/key turning points (**3 are required**), major conflicts and present day situation.
- ❖ Presentation should include visuals that reflect changes to belief system. Consider including art, primary leaders, architecture, etc.
- ❖ Presentation should be 7 – 10 minutes long – **it cannot be shorter or longer**!!

BELIEF SYSTEM YOU ARE RESEARCHING:


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*If you have any specific questions regarding the practice of your belief system, or issues, please contact instructor prior to presentation.*