

COMPARITIVE RELIGION

Comparative Religion Designed as an elective for the advanced (11th and 12th grade) high school students, who are beginning to rationally think about God, Faith and Belief. This course is designed to give the student an objective look at the world's infinitely different faiths.

Unit 101

Chapter 1- World Faith Geographically
Introduction the Religion
Basics of Creation across Faiths
Chapter 2- Uses of Imagery in World Religions
Totems
Political Implications of Images
Cultural Relevance
Chapter 3- Historical Relevance of Faith
Movement of faith from 10000 B.C. – Reformation

Unit 102

Chapter 1- Origins of Christianity
Creation Story/Deviation from Judaism
Personage of Jesus
Chapter 2- Ideals
Totems and Their Uses
Major Players
Chapter 3- Reformation
Personage of Martin Luther
Contemporary Denominations and Synods

Unit 103

Chapter 1- Islam
Origin Story
Major Prophets of Islam
Major Beliefs
Chapter 2- Judaism
Origin Story
Characteristics
Tenets
Major Texts
Chapter 3- Contemporary Struggle
Denominations of Islam
Discuss Denominations of Judaism

Current Relationship

Unit 104

Chapter 1-Buddhism

Origin

History of Gautama Buddha

Cultural Relevance

Chapter 2- Hinduism

Origin

Major Deities

Major Hindu Denominations

Chapter 3- Other Faiths of India

Jainism

Sikhism

The Baha'I Faith

Zoroastrianism

Unit 105

Chapter 1- Confucianism

Overview

Confucianism and Education

Chapter 2- Taoism

Overview

Modern Impact on Culture

Chapter 3- Other Faiths of China

Chinese Folk Religions

Shenism

Mazuism

Alchemy