



**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Introduction and Instructions

Welcome to this homework assignment on world religions! In this activity, you will learn about the basic principles and practices of six major world religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism. This assignment is designed to help you understand and appreciate the diverse religious traditions that shape our global community.

To complete this assignment, please follow these steps:

1. Read and research the provided materials on the six major world religions.
2. Complete the religion comparison chart on page 3.
3. Write a reflective essay on one of the religions studied (approx. 150-200 words) on page 5.
4. Express your understanding of the diversity of world religions through a creative piece (approx. 1-2 pages) on page 7.

Here is a brief overview of the six major world religions:

- **Buddhism:** Founded by Siddhartha Gautama, Buddhism emphasizes the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path.
- **Christianity:** Based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, Christianity emphasizes faith, love, and redemption.
- **Hinduism:** One of the oldest religions, Hinduism emphasizes the concept of karma, reincarnation, and the pursuit of moksha.
- **Islam:** Founded by the Prophet Muhammad, Islam emphasizes the Five Pillars and the pursuit of peace and submission to Allah.
- **Judaism:** One of the oldest monotheistic religions, Judaism emphasizes the Torah and the pursuit of justice and compassion.
- **Sikhism:** Founded by Guru Nanak, Sikhism emphasizes the importance of devotion, hard work, and service to others.

Religion Comparison Chart

Religion	Key Principles	Important Practices	Sacred Symbols	Place of Worship
Buddhism				
Christianity				
Hinduism				
Islam				
Judaism				
Sikhism				

## Reflection Questions

Choose one of the religions studied and reflect on the following questions:

1. What are the core beliefs of this religion?
2. How do its followers practice their faith?
3. What did you find most interesting or surprising about this religion?

## Reflective Essay

Write a short reflective essay (approx. 150-200 words) on one of the religions studied. Answer the reflection questions on page 4 and provide examples to support your answers.

## Creative Expression

Express your understanding of the diversity of world religions through a creative piece (approx. 1-2 pages). This could be:

- A drawing or painting representing a significant symbol or practice from one of the religions.
- A poem reflecting on the similarities and differences among the religions.
- A short story about a character from a different religious background and their experiences.



## Extension Activities

For students who wish to delve deeper or need an additional challenge:

1. **Case Study:** Research a current event or issue involving religious diversity or conflict. Write a case study (approx. 250-300 words) analyzing the situation, the religious principles involved, and potential resolutions that respect all parties' beliefs.
2. **Interview Project:** Conduct an interview with someone from a different religious background. Prepare a list of respectful questions to ask about their beliefs, practices, and experiences. Write a reflective report (approx. 200-250 words) on what you learned and how it has broadened your understanding of world religions.



## Success Criteria

To successfully complete this assignment, ensure you:

1. Accurately complete the religion comparison chart with detailed information.
2. Write a thoughtful and informative reflective essay.
3. Submit a creative piece that demonstrates an understanding of religious diversity.
4. For extension activities, provide well-researched and thoughtful case studies or interview reports.

## Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this homework assignment on world religions! We hope you have gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diverse religious traditions that shape our global community. Remember to respect and celebrate the differences among people of different faiths and backgrounds.