# 2021-22 World Religions Independent Project

**Honors-Level Students**

**Overview:** 30% of your overall grade for the second semester is 1 Independent Project. The purpose is for you to explore something you are interested in related to spirituality, health, philosophy, or religion. Part of your grade is that you READ about your topic. Part of your grade is that you CREATE something about your topic and PRESENT it to the class.

**Grade Breakdown:**

**10% Research Notetracking Sheet:** Use the sheet on my website called "Week 1 Research Notetracking Sheet". Save this sheet on your computer as “Your Name’s Research Notetracking Sheet”. Follow the directions on the sheet, but essentially you are keeping a record of all your reading and research for this project. Every time you read for this project you must document it on your notetracking sheet for 10% of your grade. I will check it every now and then for 10% of your grade.

**10% Final Project:** You must produce some sort of 'final project' related to your independent topic. You may write a traditional research paper if you want. Or you may produce something else more creative, such as an art piece, a comic book, a mural poster, etc.

**10% Final Presentation:** You must give a 10-minute presentation to the class about your independent topic. Your presentation must include some visuals to accompany your "speech" such as a PPT, Prezi, etc.

**SPECIAL NOTE**: If you want (and I recommend this option) you can combine the "project" and "presentation" grade together and just make **1 VIDEO for 20%.** Then you just show your video to the class.

**EXAMPLES:** Let's look at some examples from past Honors-students' independent projects:

1. Open my website: [www.mrciambarellaclass.com](http://www.mrciambarellaclass.com)

Click on “HALL OF FAME” at the top of the page

Click on one of the three student movies to watch (either Jasmine, Julia, or Evan)

1. Also on my Hall of Fame click on “Brian W PPT & Video Project on TAOISM in Martial Arts”
2. **Here are some other sample student topics and projects from last year….**
3. Comparing sacred music in Christianity vs. Buddhism- project was a presentation of different worship music PLUS an original recording piece of music!
4. Chinese Medicine and Taoism- project included visits with Chinese medicine doctor
5. Learning Sanskrit
6. Learning Tibetan
7. Different types of Yoga- project included a personal yoga video and journal
8. Different types of meditation- project included a personal meditation journal
9. Different Taoist Temples in Taiwan- project included visits and interviews at temples
10. Comparing the teachings of Jesus and Buddha
11. Rastafarianism and the music of Bob Marley
12. An exploration of agnosticism vs. atheism
13. Shinto religion in Japan
14. Wiccan (Witch) Religion and Practice- project included some Wiccan ritual demonstrations
15. The use of ART in Tibetan Buddhism- project included an 'artistic' presentation of the Tibetan Book of the Dead
16. Egyptian mythology
17. The religion and practice of Voodoo in Haiti

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**Semester 2 Tentative Schedule for Independent Projects**

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| **Dates**  **(in A/B order)** | **Topics** |
| **Jan 18/19**  **Day 4** | Find a topic & sources |
| **Jan 20/21**  **Day 5** | Find a topic & sources |
| **Jan 24/25**  **Day 6** | Find sources & read them |
| **Jan 26/27**  **Day 7** | Find sources & read them |
| **Jan 28/Feb 7**  **Day 8** | Find sources & read them |
| **Feb 8/9**  **Day 9** | Find sources & read them |
| **Feb 10/11**  **Day 10** | Find sources & read them |
| **Feb 14/15**  **Day 11** | Work on Independent Projects |
| **Feb 16/17**  **Day 12** | Work on Independent Projects |
| **Feb 18/21**  **Day 13** | Work on Independent Projects |
| **Feb 22/23**  **Day 14** | Work on Independent Projects |
| **Feb 24/25**  **Day 15** | Work on Independent Projects |
| **March 1 / 2**  **Day 16** | **INDEPENDENT PROJECTS & PRESENTATIONS DUE!** |