World Religions Extra Credit on Buddhism

-As mentioned in class, if you start to do "extra credit" research in the hopes of adding more details, examples, texts, and practices to your essays to get an A+ and/or IB Score of '7' then you should start to keep a record of this: Create a subfolder in your homework folder called "Extra Credit Research" and show me any work you do.

**-Here are some options and ideas:**

1) Do more research on Buddhist religious texts:

a) For Theravada Buddhism read some of the Pali Canon, which can be found here:

<http://www.palicanon.org/>

b) For Mahayana Buddhism read any of the Sutras mentioned in our textbook- such as The Lotus Sutra or The Diamond Sutra

2) Do more research on specific rituals and practices done by Theravada vs Mahayana Buddhists

3) Do more research on a specific type of Buddhism, such as…

a) Thailand Theravada Buddhism

b) Taiwan Pure Land Buddhism

c) Taiwan Fo Guang Shan Buddhsim

d) Taiwan Tzu Chi Buddhism

e) Zen Buddhism

1. Zen Buddhism in Japan

2. Zen Buddhism in South Korea

f) Tibetan Buddhism

4) MOVIES!!!!

Watch a movie related to Buddhism

1. I recommend the movie Seven Years in Tibet starring Brad Pitt!
2. Watch all of the movie Kundun about The Dalai Lama
3. Another great movie about Zen Buddhism in South Korea is called Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter…and Spring.
4. Watch a 'Chinese/Taiwanese' movie about Buddhism in China. There are many great movies about 'BodhiDharma' who was the person who first brought Buddhism from India to China

5) Watch Taiwanese TV!

-There are many TV channels in Taiwan dedicated to Buddhism

-Watch something about Buddhism and tell me what you watched.

-In specific, on many channels you can watch the monks and nuns do the morning and afternoon chanting. Try to watch some of the chanting in the morning or afternoon. On my TV at home- channel '7' BLTV has this for sure.

-Watch some of Tzu Chi's Da Ai TV- which is channel 9 on my cable. You can watch anything on this channel, and/or try to watch some of Master Cheng Yen's Dharma talks.

6) You can watch any of Master Cheng Yen's Dharma talks if you go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "Master Cheng Yen Dharma talks". Watch some and tell me what you watched.

7) Read any book about Buddhism in English or Chinese. Tell me what book you read and what you read about.

8) GO VISIT A TEMPLE in TAIWAN!!!!

Go to either a Buddhist Temple or a Taoist Temple. A Buddhist Temple would be best, but most Taoist Temples also have altars to various bodhisattvas.

Tell me what temple you visited and what you saw.

9) GO TALK TO A BUDDHIST MONK OR NUN!!!!!

There are many Buddhist monks and nuns walking around Taiwan. Go talk to one- including the many Tibetan Buddhist monks who usually speak some English.