

AP Human Geography
Unit 3
Religion Assignment

This assignment has two main parts, and involves some on-line research on your own. This is also a *vocabulary review exercise*, so think of this as helping you apply and practice using key terms from the unit. Each person in class is being assigned two of the *minor* religions of the world, and it is your task to research them as fully as you can, and to fill out the accompanying worksheet (or something similar).

	Minor Religion 1	Minor Religion 2
Abby, Akshat, Brian	Cao Dai	Yazidi
Andrew	Shinto	Obeah
Calvin, Cate, Danni	Sikhism	Deism
Chris, David, Heer	Mandaeism	Juche
Isabela, Janina, Jasmin	Zoroastrianism	Pastafarianism
Juliette, Keshav, Kiah	Falun Gong	Druze
Lina, Mackenzie, Maeve	Santeria	Ghost Dance
Matthew, Meet, Molly	Baha'i	Spiritism
Nikki, Nina, Om, Ryan	Taoism	Rastafari
Sam, Sarah, Savannah	Wicca	Jainism
Sean, Shrey, Tessa	Scientology	Tengrism

- (1) Be sure to provide a source list for your research, which includes any sources that you used while putting together this assignment! Including a list of website links is sufficient for this purpose.
- (2) As finding specific details for all the categories will be challenging for minor religions, you can receive “full” credit for adding more detail to some categories, in place of blank areas where you were unable to track down information. In other words, you not only earn credit for **completeness**, but also for **thoroughness**.

Notes:

Spread – where has this religion spread to, or if it hasn’t spread much, where is it practiced?

Symbol – pick one or two of the most distinctive and meaningful symbols. Do the symbols have cultural and/or historical meaning?

Type includes whether this is a universalizing or a folk religion, as well as mono/polytheistic.

Hierarchy refers to how the religion is organized. Is there a well-run bureaucracy? Is it highly individualistic?

Is it something in between, without a single person (or single group) in charge?

Holy Book – is there a single book, or a core set of venerated religious writings?

Major Beliefs – key beliefs of the religion that you think are interesting, memorable, and/or significant.

Sacred Places – are there any sites or places that have special meaning to members of this religion?

Places of Worship – how are the temples/shrines/churches of this religion designed? What do they look like?

Do they have a particular shape that happens to be meaningful?

Calendar – does this religion have its own calendar, and if so, how does it match up to the “Common Era” calendar in standard use around the world today?

Treatment of Dead – what are the funeral practices of this religion? What do they do with the bodies of the deceased? Although technically one of the major beliefs of a religion, this tends to be highly specific and important to many religions, and often can have very strong folk or universalizing roots.

Name of Religion:

Hearth (Place, Time, Founder)	
Spread	
Symbol	
Type (including Main God/s)	
Hierarchy	
Holy Book(s)	
Major Beliefs	
Sacred Places	
Places of Worship	
Calendar	
Treatment of Dead	