

## Religious Rites Assignment

For this assignment you will research a rite or ritual of a specific world religion and present it to the class. Your task will be to explain its purpose, what it comprises of, and how it fits into the belief structure of that religion.

**Your presentation will need to include the following information:**

- 1) A brief description of your religion. It should include:
  - The name of the religion
  - The name(s) of the supernatural or divine being or beings associated with that religion.
  - Any symbols or icons associated with this religion
  - Where is this religion practiced, and by approximately how many people
  - An explanation of the basic beliefs of this religion
  
- 2) The details of a specific rite or ritual associated with this religion, with the following information:
  - The name of the rite or ritual
  - The purpose of the rite or ritual
  - An explanation of what the rite or ritual consists of doing
  - A list of the participants in the ritual and what role they play
  - Any specific symbols or icons associated with this ritual (if they are specific to this ritual)
  - A historical context for the rite or ritual (when did it start, etc.)
  - Any other detail of the rite or ritual not mentioned above.

The goal of the assignment is for you to teach us about the chosen rite or ritual so that we can all gain a better understanding of the traditions associated with this religion. You can use pictures, music, video or more to help us understand the rite or ritual you have chosen, as long as you remember to keep it respectful. It's important to remember that while it's valuable to learn about other religions, these are real peoples sacred beliefs and we shouldn't trivialize them, or use them for our entertainment. **Please do not violate the sanctity of these traditions for this project.**

**Project Due Date: January 29th**

We will start presentations on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and continue into the next class if needed.