

# World Religions

An Unbiased, Comprehensive Guide to the World's Major Religions & Spiritual Traditions



*A Great Tool for Social Studies Classes!*

## Tech & Learning

**Annual Award of Excellence**

## The ComputED Gazette

**Best Educational Software Award (BESSIES)** *Two-time winner!*

## Library Journal

**Best Database**

"Best for High Schoolers" category

## SLC/ARBA

**Best of Reference Award, Honorable Mention**

"In this era of fake news and questionable research, this resource provides users with an impressive collection of vetted knowledge...

**Recommended...**"—SCHOOL LIBRARY CONNECTION

**"Recommended..."**—BOOKLIST

From the beginnings of human history, societies and cultures have established themselves around religious and spiritual practices. Religion has affected decisions personal and political, local and global, and continues to play an important role in the lives of individuals and in the cultures of nations. Featuring an intuitive design and authoritative coverage, *World Religions* explores religion and spirituality in an objective manner, from the ceremonies of the first practitioners to the elaborate rituals of today.

## Benefits and features

- Supports 1:1 initiatives, blended instruction, flipped classrooms, and project-based learning
- Offers research topics for courses in history, politics, ethics, classics, arts and culture, literature, and other global studies
- Promotes religious literacy and cross-cultural understanding, and encourages respect for the rights of others to religious liberty
- Excellent source of primary source documents to support DBQ projects and initiatives

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## HIGHLIGHTS AND FEATURES



**Editorially Curated Topic Centers:** specially selected content on 15 living religions, with links to core essays, primary sources, complete sacred texts, fact files, terms, timelines, videos, and more. These comprehensive Topic Centers provide valuable study guides and entry points into the content.

### Plus—

- **Authoritative Source List:** expertly researched, written, and edited by academics and specialists from leading departments of religious studies—content researchers can trust
- **Primary Sources:** hundreds of documents with introductions that provide context and background—perfect for document-based learning and strengthening critical-thinking skills
- **Holidays and Observances Calendar:** a boon for researchers and for educators planning topics for class discussion
- **Newsfeed:** real-time, relevant, searchable newsfeed from World-Wide Religious News®
- **Book Chapters** from authoritative print titles—allowing for original thinking and in-depth study of a topic
- **Sacred Music:** audio and video clips of sacred music
- **Sacred Texts:** eBook shelf of 100 complete sacred texts from the world's major religions
- **Slideshows:** original, SMART Board-friendly slideshows for a visual introduction to key topics
- **Videos, Images, and Original Maps and Charts**
- **Curriculum Tools:** writing and research tips for students and educators
- A detailed general timeline, plus religion-specific timelines
- Biographies and definitions
- List of sources and contributors to the database
- Dynamic citations in MLA, Chicago, and Harvard formats
- Tag “clouds” for all content
- Convenient A-to-Z topic lists
- Search Assist technology
- Searchable by Common Core, national, state, provincial, IB, and College Board AP standards
- Support for Google Sign-In, Save to Google Drive, and Share to Google Classroom
- A variety of integration options and partners, including Schoology, Canvas, and D2L
- Read Aloud tool and Google Translate
- Users can set their default language, citation format, and more
- Persistent record links
- Searchable Support Center with live help chat
- Cross-searchable with any combination of Infobase **History Research Center** databases to which your institution subscribes.

# The TOP 5 reasons your students need World Religions

## 1 The Most Unequivocally Unbiased, Objective Coverage

Teaching about religion in public school is not without controversy, yet there is a strong push to increase religious literacy. The Supreme Court has ruled that teaching about religion must be academic, objective, and inclusive and must deepen understanding about religious diversity; it cannot be devotional or exclusive. *World Religions* is completely unbiased and informational, delivering appropriate and trustworthy content.

## 2 Researchers Can Easily Compare World Religions

The exclusive, editorially curated Topic Centers in *World Religions* are structured identically, allowing for easy comparison of all living religions. This approach emphasizes diversity within and among religions across time, while also showing similarities and common ideologies. The at-a-glance Fact Files in each Topic Center are particularly useful for comparative analysis.

## 3 Supports the Social Studies Curriculum

Religion plays a significant role in history and society, and thus the National Council for the Social Studies strongly encourages study about religions as an essential part of the social studies curriculum. *World Religions* complements the social studies curriculum by teaching the historical context in which each religion was founded and in which it exists today.

## 4 Excellent Collection of Primary Source Documents

*World Religions* includes hundreds of historical documents with introductory paragraphs that provide context and background. In addition, an eBook shelf with complete sacred texts from the world's major religions is included—perfect for document-based learning and strengthening critical-thinking skills.

## 5 Authoritative Yet Accessible Scholarship—Content You Can Trust

Written by academics, with an impressive contributor list, *World Religions* includes a treasure trove of rich, valuable content. Articles, videos, sacred music, a holidays and observances calendar, sacred texts, primary sources, original maps, and images allow students to delve deep into their topics. Much of the authoritative source list comes from Infobase's 80+ years of reliable reference experience.





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*World Religions* outshines the competition. Take a free trial today!

## Content

	World Religions	The Competition
Encyclopedia Entries	X	X
Academic Content	X	
Narrative Books	X	
Primary Source Documents	X	X
Complete Sacred Texts	X	
Slideshows	X	
Images	X	X
Maps ( <i>Only ours are original!</i> )	X	X
Videos	X	X
Sacred Music	X	
Religions Newsfeed	X	
Curriculum Resources	X	X
Holidays and Observances Calendar	X	
Topics A to Z	X	
Fact Files	X	
Timelines	X	X

Plus, *World Religions* is fully cross-searchable with any combination of the Infobase History Research Center databases to which your institution subscribes!