

**Essay Rubric**

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3.5 = 18.5

Comments, feedback, explanation of grade:

Open essay was mostly a summary of the major religions

Dali

Humanities

## Religion

In our lives religion is all around us, in people and it appears in the media too. Religion is a basis for everyday life. We see hints of it everywhere in people. We do because religion is widespread. It is faith in something greater and gives meaning to life. It plays a great role in the lives of people who believe in it. It is a foundation for people. Religion provides guidelines to follow and affects a person's life a lot in big and little ways, giving them a way of life and a lot of very unique beliefs.

*This is a fact. Doesn't relate to or prove thesis!*

Christianity is one of the biggest religions. They have a bible that tells them of Christ and other things. The bible gives them guidelines. It centers on god, like most religions do. How much they follow these guidelines depend on how serious they are. Some families would say grace at dinner and have their children pray before going to sleep. That way when the children grow up they would also pray. But it also depends on the type of person they are, it can be divided in two groups, Christians and Catholics. Christians are almost rigid in their beliefs and they would do whatever the bible said. Catholics are different because they believe in everything the Christians do but are not as strict. For example, if the bible told you not to eat pork on Friday Christians probably wouldn't but Catholics won't care. But one of the biggest rules that both Catholic and Christians follow are the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments applies on god and how man should behave, the rules relating to god are to 'not worship any other gods', 'misuse god's name', and to 'keep the Sabbath holy' and not 'make any idols'. The rules applying to man are 'honor your mother and father', do not murder, commit adultery, steal, lie, or covet. They follow these rules because it is part of their

beliefs and morals. That is how people realize right and wrong, providing a foundation for life. That way when they grow up they will know what to do.

Buddhism is also way of life. It means the teachings of the awakened one. It is a practiced philosophy that teaches 'suffering and the end of suffering'. The people who follow this path aim to achieve enlightening by discovering 'the true nature of reality'. So when one reaches this they are called 'Buddha'. Buddhism is a major world religion. You 'purify and train your mind' and when they eventually arrive by finding the 'true nature' of things they achieve 'liberation'. People who are Buddhists search their whole lives for bodhi. It affects them a lot because their whole life *is* their religion. They awaken from 'the sleep of ignorance' by following the four noble truths. They put dharma into practice by 'leading a virtuous moral life, and purifying the mind.' Some of what they do to achieve bodhi is by meditation. Those are the guidelines for people who are Buddhists. They try to achieve the goal of enlightenment and train themselves throughout their lives to try and attain this goal. This is the way that Buddhists live; it is also their guidelines during their lives.

Wicca is a recognized religion. It is a "modern religion based on ancient witchcraft traditions." Wicca values Mother Nature and recognizes the beauty in the natural world. Wicca and witchcraft has slight differences but are mostly the same in aspect. Wicca's are tolerant of other religions except those who try to suppress the religious beliefs of others. People who are witches or Wicca invoke the god or goddess. They worship the universe's energy. Their whole belief system is to live in harmony with all things that exist. These are (but not limited to) 'the earth, trees, rivers, lakes, oceans, air, and all of earth's creatures, as well as other people without regard to race, color, religion, or sexual orientation.' Wiccans are not prejudiced and they believe that the supreme force is the universe, a divine mass of energy. They believe others can be what ever religion they wish as long as it "feels" right to them. People who are Wiccans adopt a very tolerant belief system which they carry all

through their lives.

There a lot of religions over the world. These religions all allow ~~for~~ a person to believe in something. It also provides for them rules that they follow whether they know it or not. Some of these rules are more like guidelines where you choose to follow them (that's the beauty of free will). From religion people also get beliefs. They can believe in god, the universe, or even truth. The point is they believe in something because everyone needs something to believe in whether it is god or a person. That's why people pick their religions just like they pick how they follow it. It depends on what they want. Some of these guidelines come in the form of a goal and other times they are what people want them to be, what they want to follow, and how they want to live.

Peer Revision Switcharound

Body Paragraph # 1 (5 minutes)

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the topic sentence relate to the thesis? Is the topic sentence an ARGUMENT? NO
- Is there an example or a quote to support the topic sentence? For Paragraph 2 yes
- Are there any "quote islands"? no
- Does the explanation clearly connect the evidence to the topic sentence? NO
- Comments: The 2 evid reasons are not related to thesis. r.r

Body Paragraph # 2 (5 minutes)

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the topic sentence relate to the thesis? Is the topic sentence an ARGUMENT? yes
- Is there an example or a quote to support the topic sentence? but the teacher's example?
- Are there any "quote islands"? There's no quotes
- Does the explanation clearly connect the evidence to the topic sentence? There is more
- Comments: Good key ideas and a good concept. you just need to explain your example (Buddhist concept) to the thesis and you need one more paragraph.

Body Paragraph # 3 (5 minutes)

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the topic sentence relate to the thesis? Is the topic sentence an ARGUMENT? ✓
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- Are there any "quote islands"? ✓
- Does the explanation clearly connect the evidence to the topic sentence? ✓
- Comments:

I like how you start your paragraph with a short & sweet Hook, it really drags your reader in your essay. it show you have something to say and you want to say it. it is Great. Yay! add more quotes.

Introduction (5 minutes)

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the author give background information on the topic?
- Is the thesis the last sentence of the introduction?
- Does the thesis have a subject, proposal and significance?
- Comments:

yes  
 yes  
 yes

Conclusion (5 minutes)

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the author restate (in a new way) the thesis?
- Does the author expand BEYOND the scope of the paper somehow?
- Does the author raise an insightful question?
- Comments:

yes  
 yes  
 Not sure about this one

you could throw in a question or two. Take my suggestion of translating that conclusion into a sentence, of course, overall, it's a good conclusion, anyone could learn from it

Grammar (10 minutes)

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

- There are no contractions.
- There are no "I" or "You"s.
- All quotes are formatted correctly.
- There are no run-ons or fragments.
- Spelling looks correct.
- Comments:

~~yes~~  
~~yes~~  
~~yes~~  
 ✓ not much  
 ✓

Great but try to stop saying you

contractions - no can't's

and no more contractions!

~~no~~ ~~no~~ XD ☹️ ☹️ ||

★ ★ Add more quotes ★

through out your essay, it  
will make it way stronger ★

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*each religion*

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people talk about angels and god. This show how serious these rules (or guidelines) are for some people. Christianity is so immense because people call on their faith in times of need and pray to god to help them in a rough time. This is because they believe that whatever god does is for a reason and hope that he would help them in "times of need."

*I don't get this*

*O.o?*

*They might not agree on everything but Catholics and Christians both have to follow the ten commandments. These are rules that help make them a better person*

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you talk about Buddhism only.  
Not related to the thesis. → what they said XD

I agree!!

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Same thing.  
Where are the guidelines and importance?

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