Assignments:

Persuasive Writing: 15% of grade (15 points)
Choose one of the seven major world religions and write a persuasive paper on a religion different from your persuasive speech. This paper must be at least 1,500 words (MLA format). Approximately 5 typed pages; double space; 1 inch margin; 12 point font; Times New Roman. You must reference quotes taken from the sacred scripts used; required textbooks; and other sources. Email paper by 5 pm February 18 to: lharper4@hccfl.edu

Grading of Persuasive Writing:

50% content (background on the founder of the religion; place of origin; beliefs; practices of the religion).

How would the religion answer the following questions:
1. The question of humanity's origin - how did I get here? (Is there a Designer / Creator?)
2. The question of purpose - why am I here?
3. The question of eternity - what happens when I die? (Is there an afterlife?)
4. The question of pain and suffering - why is their evil in this world?

30% critical thinking – state the pros (strengths) and cons (weaknesses) of the religion.

10% MLA writing format (Visit the HCC Writing Center for help in writing and to learn MLA).

10% Grammar.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements will result in a deduction of 10 points (one letter grade).
10 points (one letter grade) will also be deducted from your grade for every week the paper is late.

*This is a Gordon Rule Class (1,500 word paper) and failure to complete this assignment will result in failure for the entire course regardless of numerical grade.

Persuasive Speech: Religion is communicated through persuasive speech. 15% of grade (15 points)
Give a persuasive speech on a religion different from your persuasive paper. You must use a visual presentation; such as Power Point, Prezi, Media shout, etc. Goal: present a clear and persuasive speech of the religion’s tenets.

* All 7 major religions must be taken. Those who sign up early will be able to choose their religion first. Those who sign up later will be limited in their choice to those religions still available.

Failure to present your persuasive speech on assigned date will result in a deduction of 10 points per week.

Grading of Persuasive Speech:

50% content (background on the founder of the religion; place of origin; beliefs; practices of the religion).

How would the religion answer the following questions:
1. The question of humanity's origin - how did I get here? (Is there a Designer / Creator?)
2. The question of purpose - why am I here?
3. The question of eternity - what happens when I die? (Is there an afterlife?)
4. The question of pain and suffering - why is their evil in this world?

30% critical thinking – state the pros (strengths) and cons (weaknesses) of the religion.

10% visual presentation - either Power Point or Prezi.

10% attire and verbal presentation.