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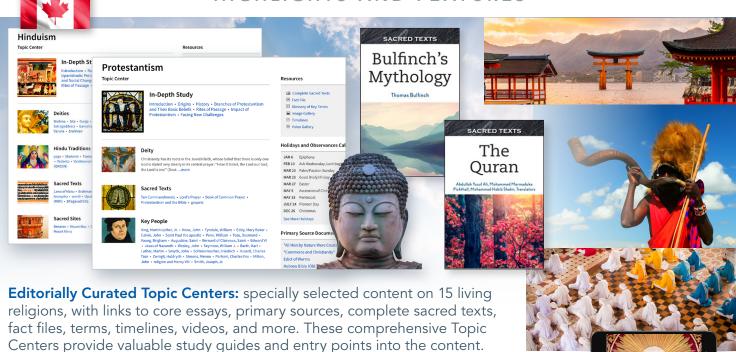—LIBRARY MEDIA CONNECTION

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. With a dynamic new design, new features, and expanded coverage, *World Religions Online* explores religion and spirituality in an objective manner, from the ceremonies of the first practitioners to the elaborate rituals of today.

Benefits and features

- 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 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

- **Videos, Images, and Original Maps and Charts** that bring to life spiritual traditions from around the world

- **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 offering a visual introduction to key topics and themes

- **Newsfeed:** real-time, relevant, searchable newsfeed from World-Wide Religious News®

- **Curriculum Tools:** usage and research tips for students and educators

- A detailed general timeline, plus religion-specific timelines

- 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

- Searchable by Canadian provincial and other major educational standards

- Google Sign-In

- Share to Google Classroom

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- Read Aloud tool and Google Translate

- Users can set their default language, citation format, and more

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The TOP 5 reasons your students need
World Religions Online

1 The Most Unequivocally Unbiased, Objective Coverage

Teaching about religion is not without controversy, yet there is a strong push to increase religious literacy. Teaching about religion must be academic, objective, and inclusive and must deepen understanding about religious diversity; it cannot be devotional or exclusive. *World Religions Online* 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 Online* 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 Sciences Curriculum

Religion plays a significant role in history and society. *World Religions Online* complements the social sciences 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 Online 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 Online* includes a treasure trove of rich, valuable content. Articles (including more than 5,000 new articles on ancient religions/mythology and faith), 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 75+ years of reliable reference experience.

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Academic Content	X	
Narrative Books	X	
Primary Source Documents	X	X
Complete Sacred Texts	X	
Slideshows	X	
Images	X	X
Maps *(Only ours are original!)*	X	X
Videos	X	X
Audio/Sacred Music	X	X
Religions Newsfeed	X	
Curriculum Resources	X	X
Holidays and Observances Calendar	X	
Topics A to Z	X	
Fact Files	X	
Timelines	X	

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