



PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Relating To Your World

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If your oral presentation topic deals with religious or belief systems, you are free to use the below outline to help you organize your study and presentation. I don't want you to be bound to this outline. Please feel free to develop your own presentation outline. But this might be a helpful place to at least start your thinking.

History of the belief system

1. Who founded the religion or belief system?
2. When was it founded and under what circumstance?
3. What were the religious roots of the religion? Is it an offshoot of another religion?
4. What sacred writings, texts, traditions that influence the beliefs? What is the history behind these texts?

Data About the belief System

1. How many adherents worldwide? How many in the US? How many in Eugene?
2. What is the organizational structure of the religion (if there is any)
3. In what geographic areas worldwide is this belief widely held?
4. Is it growing in size? shrinking?
5. How is the relationship between this belief system and Christianity?

Basic Beliefs

1. What is the belief about God? Does God exist? Is there more than one God? Is God personal?
2. What is the belief about humanity? Is it basically good or basically evil? What is God's relationship to humanity?
3. What is the belief about evil?
4. What is the belief about death and an after-life?
5. What is the goal of the religion?
6. How does one achieve this goal?

Comparison to Christianity

1. What does this belief system say about Jesus?
2. What does this belief system say about the church (if anything)?