

Week 14

Topic: Religion

Guiding Questions:

Is religion important to my culture? Around the world?

What is my religion? What are the most popular religions around the world?

How is religion a bad thing? How is it a good thing?

How does religion shape cultural values?

Goals:

- I. To discover the role of religion within a community's culture.
- II. To explore the other religions of the world
- III. To critically consider the impact of religion on individuals and communities around the world

Activities:

1. Let's Celebrate! Use an interfaith calendar ([like this one](#)) to pick a holiday from around the world. Transform the classroom into a cultural party, learning about the culture of the celebrator along the way. Or, combine elements from several different holidays around the world to create a massive multicultural celebration. Christmahanakwanzika!!
2. The best way to overcome cultural barriers and presuppositions is to personalize the traditions and celebrations from foreign culture. Put a face and story to another faith by Skyping or hosting someone who practices a religion that is uncommon in your community. Students can prepare questions beforehand! See below!
3. Jeopardy! This is always a winner. As a homework assignment, teams create questions on a pre-assigned religion, in order to create a jeopardy board. Categories can be cultural facets or particular religions.

Active Cross-Cultural Exchange:

Skype call: Have a student from another site that has a unique faith perspective Skype call in to the classroom. Students should prepare questions beforehand and then they can write



about their experience after the call. For more information contact
info@globalplayground.org.

Resources:

- http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/world-religions-multicultural-diversity.shtml