



Religions and Spirituality Interconnections

Topic: Interconnections	Grade Level: Middle School	Time: 1 class period of 40-50 minutes
Lesson Goal: Students will use learn about various world religions and their influence on culture.		
Lesson Objectives: Student will: Choose one of the religions shown on the <i>Windows and Mirrors</i> DVD-Middle East Research this religion and its impact on culture. Discuss the religion and its influence on culture. Discuss how religion has played a part in regional and world politics.		
Materials Needed: <i>Windows and Mirrors</i> DVD Computers with Internet access		Vocabulary: Hinduism Buddhism Judaism Muslim Taoism Confucianism Spirtuality
Lesson: 10 minutes: Large Group- View Religions and Spirtuality module on <i>Windows and Mirrors</i> DVD-Middle East		

Windows & Mirrors-Middle East-DVD Study Guide

20 minutes:
Divide students evenly between religions shown on the DVD. Small groups will research where the religion is practiced, any holy sites related to the religion, and politics related to the religion.
15 minutes: Large group presentation and discussion on the various religions.