

Topic: Religion and the Cultural Landscape

<u>Universalizing Religion</u>	<u>Ethnic Religions</u>
Christianity 1. Roman Catholic 2. Eastern Orthodox 3. Coptic Christian 4. Lutheran 5. Mormon 6. Baptist	12. Judaism
Islam ○ 7. Sunni ○ 8. Shi'ite	13. Sikhism
Buddhism 9. Theravada 10. Mahayana	14. Shinto
11. Baha'i	15. Hinduism

Guidelines – Your presentation needs to follow these guidelines

- Length - 15-20 minutes / Format – PowerPoint Presentation
- Include – **Visuals on every slide – Show & Tell.**
- You should be ***showing*** the ideas rather than just reading words about them
- **Every slide should have a LARGE & CLEAR visual – Map / Graphic / Visual**
- **Your presentation should have some type of map or image on all slides**

About the PowerPoint

- Font– Size, between 22-35, dark colored / Background – light colored

The Cultural Landscape

Generally, a region is unified by a common cultural element, usually religion. Oftentimes, religion affects the visual appearance and layout of a society or region.

Your presentation should focus on the visual (landscape) and geographic aspects of the religion

Part 1 – Hearth & Distribution of Religion

- *****Every slide should have an image and/or map**
- Basic history of religion - *How/when did the religion start?*
- **Hearth** – Origin Point - Show where **hearth** of religion is located – Maps – This is clearly an important element – include numerous large, clear maps showing the hearth. Provide large and small scale maps. Provide a geographic awareness of the hearth. Topography, type of
- **Diffusion** – Relocation / Expansion? - Show maps & describe how / where the religion diffused (trade routes/ocean/rivers/geography)
- Explain/Show the historic **reasons** for the current distribution of the religion – **migration patterns**/trade pattern/colonial history etc
- Current distribution - Use **maps** that display current distribution of religion. What were the limits that stopped the physical expansion of the religion and helped lead to the current distribution - (physical geography / Cultural differences / Political entities?)

Part 2 - The Cultural Landscape – show how the landscape looks based on religious ideas

- *****Every slide should have an image or map**
- **Houses of Worship** (How are they shaped & why? Where are they located? Why)
- **Holy (sacred) Places** – *these are places believers think something supernatural occurred – not famous churches etc, but locations where something supernatural took place*
- **Architectural styles** / Lay out of towns / cities
 - o **Example** – Islam practices modesty – women shouldn't be seen in or around their houses, so architectural styles have evolved in tandem with religious beliefs – privacy windows and inner courtyards as an examples (check the textbook)
- **Burial Practices** – Focus on how the practices shape the landscape – *example cemeteries (Do **NOT** focus on the minute details of the burial, but how the funeral rites may impact the landscape)*
- **Clothing Styles** – illustrate the clothing styles connected to the religion and / or major culture associated with the religion (**if applicable**). Be sure to connect the clothing styles to the religious concepts if possible
- **Taboos** – each religion has a set of food / activities / rituals that are forbidden. Show and describe the taboos associated with the religion – be sure to illustrate these ideas and how they may or may not impact the **physical / cultural landscape**