World History Religion Mini Project

**The Assignment:**

For our Islamic Empires chapter, we will be looking closely at Islam and how Islam played a role in the creation and expansion of the Ottoman Empire. To learn more about Islam, we will be comparing it to Christianity and writing a 3 page paper comparing and contrasting the two faiths. You will be answering the question:

Are Christianity and Islam similar faiths?

This assignment will be a three page, double spaced paper with one inch margins. The font should be size 12 Times New Roman font.

**Structure:**

The paper should begin with an opening paragraph that introduces Christianity and Islam. This should be very general information. The last sentence of this paragraph should be your thesis statement. We will go over how to construct this in class.

The middle three paragraphs should be supporting paragraphs that defend your thesis. Each paragraph should have its own subject (i.e. sacred writings) and have an opening sentence that introduces that topic. The middle sentences should explain how this subject connects to your thesis. This requires analysis which explains/examines the way(s) in which you are supporting the topic sentence.

The last paragraph is your closing paragraph. This should briefly restate your thesis in a different way and make connections to your body paragraphs.

**Citations:**

Throughout the paper, you should be giving credit to the places you got your information. This will be done in MLA style. This means you should have in-text citations and a works cited page.

You should only be citing things that is not general information. For example, most people know Christians attend church while Muslims attend mosques. This you do not need to cite. What happens specifically in those place (customs, practices, and rituals) is not so common knowledge and needs to be cited. For help, go to owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/.

You should not have any citations in your opening or closing paragraphs.

**Project Schedule:**

Thursday October 16: we will begin by working on a chart comparing the two side by side. Students will have 2 class periods to complete the chart. Whatever is left blank must be finished for homework.

Tuesday October 21: we will be working on constructing a thesis statement in class. Once thesis statements are complete, you may begin working on your paper.

Monday October 27: rough drafts are due. YOU MUST BRING IN THREE COPIES OF YOUR 3 PAGE PAPER. Students will exchange their rough drafts with 3 of their peers. Reviewers will critique the papers on content, grammar, and overall structure.

Wednesday October 29: final draft are due.

**Point Values:**

Religion compare/contrast table: 30 points

Rough draft: 25 points

Final draft: 60 points