Spring 2012

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| Unit Overview | | | | | |
| Title | | The Religions of the Middle East | | | |
| Focus/Essential Questions: | | | | | |
| How are the religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam similar and different? | | | | | |
| Unit Summary: | | | | | |
| The focus of this unit will be on the similarities and differences of the world’s three major monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. | | | | | |
| Subject Area(s): Social Studies | | | | | |
| Grade Level: 7 | | | | | |
| Standards :  **SS7G8 The student will describe the diverse cultures of the people who live in Southwest Asia (Middle East).**  c. Compare and contrast the prominent religions in Southwest Asia (Middle East): Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. | | | | | |
| Technology **Outcomes:** | | | | | |
| Students will create a digital story.  Students will format text styles, color, font, and size.  Students will insert graphics, videos and audio clips.  Students will present a multimedia project to the class. | | | | | |
| Learning Outcomes: | | | | | |
| Students will:   * research, compare and contrast Judaism, Christianity, and Islam * create a digital story of the monotheistic religions of the Middle East | | | | | |
| Unit Implementation | | | | | |
| Instructional Strategies | | | Grouping Options | | Technology Scaffolds/Artifacts |
| 1. KWL | | | Flexible Pairs  Whole Group | |  |
| 2. Students will create a 3D Graphic Organizer for Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Students will work in groups of two using Track Star for the research. | | | 4-student groups | | <http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/viewTrack.do?number=421007> |
| 3. Students will watch “The World’s Religions” on Safari Montage and will add additional information to previous notes and a discussion will follow. | | | Individual (note taking) | | Students will add additional information to their 3D Graphic Organizer. |
| 4. Students will view “Islam: The Empire of Faith” on Safari Montage and complete the video notes. Discussion will follow. | | | Individual (note taking)  Peer Work (IEP)  Whole group (discussion) | |  |
| 5. CULMINATING ACTIVITY: Students will create a digital story on the religions of the Middle East using MovieMaker. Instructions will be given via the Edmodo.com class group’s website and a checklist and rubric will be provided. Presentations will be made. Optional: students may work in groups if created in class. | | | Groups  Flexible Pairs  One-to-one teacher inst.  Peers (IEP) Whole Group Presentations | | [C:\Users\Terrie Ponder\Dropbox\tponder1\MEDT 7470\7470\_VP2Lesson\_tlp\Digital Story Instructions.doc](file:///C:\Users\Terrie%20Ponder\Dropbox\tponder1\MEDT%207470\7470_VP2Lesson_tlp\Digital%20Story%20Instructions.doc) |
| Accommodation Options | | | | | |
| ELL / IEP Students | | Students will be paired with peers.  Students will have a reduced number of facts required for the digital story.  Students will complete think-pair-share (flexible pairing).  Accommodations to be made appropriate to individual IEP. | | | |
| Highly-Capable Students | | Students will add Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Shinto to the digital story. | | | |
| Approximate Time Needed | | | | | |
| Approx. two weeks, approximately 70 minutes per day | | | | | |
| Prerequisite Skills | | | | | |
| Prior knowledge of Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, and Shinto has been covered in a unit earlier in the year. | | | | | |
| Materials and Resources Required for Unit | | | | | |
| Supplies: Construction Paper, Glue, and Scissors for 3D Graphic Organizer | | | | | |
| Technology – Hardware (Click boxes of all equipment needed/change names as needed.) | | | | | |
| Computer(s) | | DVD | | Projection System | |
| Printer | | Video Camera | | Camera | |
| Digital Camera | | Scanner (optional) | | Video Conferencing | |
| Technology – Software (Click boxes of all software needed/change names as needed.) | | | | | |
| Microsoft Word | | Microsoft Front Page | | KidPix | |
| Microsoft Excel | | Browser | | Inspiration | |
| Microsoft PowerPoint | | SchoolKiT | | Clicker 4 | |
| Optional Technology Extensions | | Safari Montage  Edmodo  MovieMaker | | | |
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