

## Living Religions Fieldwork Project

### Annotated Bibliography

Submit as a Word document in an email to [jmaaia@cathedral.org](mailto:jmaaia@cathedral.org)

Name your file with your last names, followed by a space, followed "Biblio"  
One Submission per Research Team

Due:

Using the material providing to you about bibliographies and web-based research, submit 12 annotated bibliographic citations that would be useful to someone studying the local congregation, the religious organization, or the religious tradition you are researching. The citations should include six websites and six peer-edited sources (e.g., books, encyclopedia, electronic journal articles) having to do with the religion.

This is the format for the annotated bibliography:

1. MLA Citation

2. 1-2 sentences evaluating the content

(Be succinct, but also be specific and informative. Don't write "It's about Buddhism," but rather "It's a site comparing different Buddhist meditation practices" or "It's a site about Buddhist ethics" or "It's a general introduction to Buddhism with a glossary of terms).

3. 1-2 sentences evaluating the perspective of the author, editor, translator, sponsor, or publisher

(Be subtle in your analysis. Don't write "it's written by an ex-priest, so it's biased," but rather "It's written from the perspective of a priest who has since left the priesthood, but not the church." Don't write "It's written by a historian, so it's objective," but rather "It's written by a historian, and so has an academic perspective." Remember that, for example, a historical perspective is good for learning about history, but it might not be sufficient for learning about the inner psychological state of *nirvana* or *grace* or whatever experience is central to that religion.).

#### Required Supplementary Personal Reflection

One submission per Researcher, submitted in a document attached to a separate email to the instructor.

Put this on a separate page labeled "Supplementary Personal Response." Although this is required, it is not assessed and is not included in the word count requirement. You don't need to answer all the following guiding questions. Choose as many as you think appropriate to explain what you learned in doing the assignment. This is the time for you to sit back, think about the entire process, and figure out what you've gained from the experience. Reread your notes and your bibliography. Which sources seem the most interesting, the most difficult, the most important, or the most intractable to you? What key insights did you gain about being a living human being? What did you learn from this process of analysis about your own perspective?