

MODULE: INTERRELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING GAME

Activity: *The Interreligious Understanding Game*

Purpose

To play an interactive game that exposes students to interreligious understanding through facts from various world religions, including those that they will be learning about through Coexist.

Overview

Students play a game, where they test their knowledge of interreligious understanding and compete against each other in groups for points.

Preparation

Set the room up into three or four (depending on class size) different groups with a table for each. Have four 3x5 cards on each table, each card reading letters A-D respectively.

Procedure

1. *Explain* to students that today they will be playing a game that will test and challenge their knowledge of world religions, or their “interreligious understanding.”
2. Split students up into three or four even groups, depending on class size. Explain that on each table where they will be seated as a team, there will be four cards, each of them with one letter on them, from A-D. These will be their answer cards.
3. How the game works: The teacher/educator (you) will read a question. The questions will become increasingly difficult as points are earned, and score will be kept on the board. Each team has one minute to discuss and choose one of the four answers. After a minute has passed, each team must choose one of the answer letter cards. Then, the teacher will go around, asking each team what letter choice each team picked; each team will hold up their response card. After all teams have gone, the teacher will reveal the final answer. The team to win the most amount of points wins the game.

Follow up

You may debrief with students after the game, asking where they learned the information they knew; on the questions that they had to guess, how they chose the answer they did; what was easy or challenging about the game; three things they learned by playing the game.

If there are questions that none of the teams answered correctly, you may want to assign a research assignment regarding that particular topic.

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1. For Muslims, what is the most sacred city?

- A. Mecca
- B. New York City
- C. Constantinople
- D. Jerusalem

2. What is generally considered the world's oldest religion?

- A. Judaism
- B. Christianity
- C. Hinduism
- D. Egyptian Spirituality

3. Food that is prepared according to Jewish Law is called:

- A. Halal
- B. Kosher
- C. Rabbi
- D. Vegetarian

4. Bahá'u'lláh is the founder of which religion?

- A. Shintoism
- B. Bahá'í
- C. Bahá'u'lláhism
- D. Hinduism

5. In Buddhism, the Universal Laws of Truth are called what?

- A. Buddha
- B. Ten Commandments
- C. Dharma
- D. Torah

6. Which of the following is not a religious text?

- A. Bible
- B. Tao-te Ching
- C. Qur'an
- D. Karma

7. Which of the following religions is not considered one of the Abrahamic faiths?

- A. Islam
- B. Taoism
- C. Christianity
- D. Judaism

8. As of the last five years, how many religious denominations are there in the U.S.?

- A. 50-250
- B. 500-700
- C. 1,000-2,000
- D. 4,000-5,000

9. What religion has the following quote in its sacred texts: "Where there is forgiveness, there is God Himself"?

- A. Buddhism
- B. Christianity
- C. Sikhism
- D. Judaism

10. The large headscarf worn by many Sikh women is called:

- A. Burqa
- B. Yarmulke
- C. Chuni
- D. Veil

11. What religion has the following quote in its sacred texts: “The purpose of religion as revealed from the heaven of God’s holy Will is to establish unity and concord amongst the peoples of the world”?

- A. Bahá’í
- B. Islam
- C. Taoism
- D. Buddhism

12. What is the word for “to strive”/ “to exert to the utmost” in Arabic?

- A. Hajj
- B. Hijab
- C. Qur’an
- D. Jihad

13. What religion has the following passage in its sacred texts: “May we unite in our minds, unite in our purposes, and not fight against the divine spirit within us”?

- A. Zoroastrianism
- B. Hinduism
- C. Buddhism
- D. Mormonism

14. Which of the following religions is monotheistic (believes in only one God)?

- A. Islam
- B. Taoism
- C. Hinduism
- D. Buddhism

15. What religion has the following passage in its sacred texts: “Live in harmony with one another, but do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are”?

- A. Buddhism
- B. Taoism
- C. Christianity
- D. Shintoism

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