



Religion Critical Thinking Activity

Grade: 4 Subject: Social Studies/English

TOPIC/ISSUE - In your opinion which religion demanded the most from its followers? (unpack quality - time, money, literacy, rules to be followed)

TYPE OF CHALLENGE

- Decode the puzzle
- Rework the piece
- Judge the better or the best

STATE CHALLENGE

- Create a matrix – on wall with pictures and words about 3 religions – Catholic, Jewish, Islam - Leader – spiritual, earthly, scripture, places of worship, holidays, practices, influences on arts, building of libraries
- As a whole group, sort out the 8 important pieces of each religion
- Choose the religion you feel demanded the most from its followers

CRITERIA

Issue

- time
- money
- literacy
- rules to be followed

Background Knowledge

- information about each of these religions during medieval times
- attitudes of each group
- how to contribute to a matrix
- format of opinion paper

Teaching Strategies

- 5 W's
- Think/Pair/Share
- Jigsaw

Product

- evidence of point of view
- strong, relevant voice

Vocabulary

- perspective
- point of view
- voice

Habits of Mind

- open-minded