

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: An Introduction

Paper one

Due September 2 in class

Read the two selections from Nye: "Religion: Some Basics" and "Belief" and the handout with selected definitions of religion. (All on Blackboard "Course Documents -- folder: Nye, 2 selections)

Write about a page, typed, considering the following questions:

Which definition, if any, best fits your current understanding of "religion.?"

What elements of the definition do you think are the most important?

What assumptions does the definition make?

Is it an "insider's" definition or an "outsider's" definition? Can it be classified as a "reductionist" definition or a "sui generis" definition?

Please double-space - it makes it easier for us to read!