

Course text: Invitation to World Religions: Chapter 1.

1 Ritual:

Based on your understanding of the concept of ritual describe in detail a ritual (initiation, rite of passage etc.) you have participated in or closely observed.

What myth/myths (beliefs) support this ritual?

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/religious+ritual>

2 Religious Symbol:

Provide a dictionary definition of religious symbol. Using the websites below, identify and describe the symbols representing six world religions. Explain how the symbol functions in the ritual of each religion and what efficacy is attributed to it.

Religious symbol network: <http://www.religious-symbols.net/>

<http://encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com/Religious+symbol>

- Demonstrate understanding of some of the points discussed in the Post.
- An in-depth reflection on one or more of the points.
- The length requirement – two paragraphs.