Life of Pi Background Videos/ Article

**“Hinduism in a nutshell”**

1. What are the basics of Hinduism?
2. How does Hinduism regard other religions?
3. What are sacred Hindu texts? (Look up spelling.)
4. How is Hinduism different from other Western religions?

**“Crash Course in Hinduism”**

1. What are the Vedas?
2. What is the Caste system? How does it have roots in religion?
3. What is dharma?
4. How do dharma and caste work together?
5. What is samsara?
6. What is moksha?
7. What is karma?

**“Islam, the Quran, and….”**

1. How did Islam begin?
2. What is important about Mohammed’s home/culture?
3. What do Muslims believe Mohammed’s purpose was?
4. How is the text of the Quran different from that of the other religious texts of the world?
5. What are the 5 pillars of Islam and what do they entail?
6. What is a common misconception about the religion?
7. Why did Mohammed get kicked out of his village?
8. Why was/ is the religious and political climate connected?
9. How did the 2 groups of the Sunni and Shia form?
10. How did this religion spread?

**“Five major world religions”**

1. Identify and describe each of the 5 religions.

**Read the excerpt from Britannica Encyclopedia and summarize each sub-heading.**