

### **NEW:** Field Experience

Dr. Fuller specifically incorporated the following Elements of Thought into this writing assignment: **Assumptions**; **Point of View**; and **Information**. He designed the Field Experience in such a way that students must evaluate their **assumptions** regarding a specific religion, evaluate how their **point of view** has changed as a result of their visit to a religious center, and gather **information** from their field experience which aided their understanding of that religious tradition.

### Paper Guidelines

- Paper should be between 5-6 pages in length. Paper must be typed, double spaced, with normal margins, fonts, etc.
- Any **information** you gather from various sources must be documented, with either footnotes or endnotes.
- You will select and attend a service of worship from one of the religious traditions covered in this course (Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, or Islam). You will attend a service, and answer the following **questions**:
  - How long has this congregation/temple been in existence? How many members? Full time staff/priests? The socio-economic status of members (from your observations)?
  - Describe your experience. What did you see, feel, think, etc.? How did the others in attendance act in response to the service?
  - What did you find most interesting, unusual, and/or typical in the service?
  - And very important: What were your perceptions of this tradition prior to your visit? How did your visit affect your perceptions of this particular religion?

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**Elements of Reasoning**

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**Intellectual Standards**

#### **Text in Green**

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**Intellectual Traits**

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**[Standards]**, or **[Traits]**

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